

NEWS

Students collect food for Frederic Food Bank



The staff and students at the Grayling Elementary School made a commitment to help those less fortunate in the community.

A food drive was started by Dawn Price and Laurie Canfield's classes, but they wanted to make a greater impact so they asked the entire school to participate.

Pre-K through fifth grade classes participated with the goal being to fill the shelves of the Frederic Food Bank. Each classroom had a goal to collect three times the number of items as there are students in the class. **Page 12A**

SPORTS

Hunters display 40 deer on buck pole, most since 2008



Hunters displayed 18 deer on the buck pole at Skip's Sport Shop during day one of Grayling's Orangecoat Roundup – the first day of firearm deer hunting season – on Thursday. During day two of the buck pole event – it's a competition that gives hunters an opportunity to win cash prizes in a variety of categories – participants displayed 22 deer, so the final number for this year's two-day Orangecoat Roundup was 40. **Page 1B**

Winter sports teams get ready for 2012-2013 campaign



Teams are practicing and preparing. The winter sports season for Grayling High School – a campaign that will include boys basketball, girls basketball, wrestling, and skiing – will get underway with games and meets in late November and early December.

Grayling High School's coaching roster for winter sports will be the same as last year. **Page 1B**

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Thursday, November 22, 2012

Christmas Walk activities draw crowds into downtown Grayling



Photos by Dan Sanderson

Hundreds of people came into Grayling Saturday for the 34th annual Christmas Walk. Above left, Mrs. Claus and Santa stroll down Michigan Avenue for the start of the Christmas Walk's World's Shortest Christmas Parade.



Abby Arwood, age 2, of Grayling, takes a pony ride as part of the many activities held in the parking lot in front of North Country Corner.



Grayling Boy Scouts promoted their Christmas wreath sale during the parade.

Dam alteration proposed at Grayling Fish Hatchery

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A local conservation group has backed a plan that would allow greater fish passage on the AuSable River in conjunction with an agreement for a public-private agreement to operate the Grayling Fish Hatchery.

Huron Pines, a non-profit organization dedicated to community development, conservation, water quality, habitat and river restoration, obtained a \$20,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to alter a dam located on the East Branch of the AuSable River on the Grayling Fish Hatchery grounds.

Patrick Ertel, a restoration project manager for Huron Pines, said the funding is coming from a federal dam management program. The agency needs to get matching fund from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) fish passage program, a new initiative that will begin Jan. 1.

"I'm required to match that grant dollar for dollar to get the project completed," Ertel said.

Steve Sendek, a fisheries biologist for the DNR's Grayling field office, suggested altering the dam to create better fish movement during trout migrating and feeding seasons.

"It really should benefit the fish population," Ertel said.

Ertel is hopeful of getting total funding for the grant, which he said would incorporate the interests of anglers, state officials and the Grayling Fish Hatchery.

"This will still let water go into raceways, but it will not prevent fish from going over the dam," Ertel said. "They'll just be going over a series of small, little waterfalls."

The Anglers of the AuSable, which has been fighting conservation and legal battles to protect the watershed for over 25 years, has backed the plan to alter the dam.

Don A. Boyd, chairman of the Anglers of the AuSable Habitat Resource Committee, sent a letter of support for the project to the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

"The Board of the Anglers of the AuSable is strongly in favor of completion of this project and request that this project be completed as part of any long-term plan for the hatchery," Boyd said.

In March, Crawford County and the Harrietta Hills Fish Farm, LLC, entered into an agreement to keep the Grayling Fish Hatchery open to the public.

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Teen hits train, totals vehicle

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

An 18-year-old Grayling man was cited for careless driving last week after he hit a train with his car.

The car-train accident occurred at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at the train crossing located on the I-75 Business Loop near the Grayling Country Club.

Grayling City Police Department Officer Al Somero said Cody James Nichols was traveling southbound when the car he was driving struck the rear right end of the first locomotive for a Lake State Railway Company train. The train was traveling northbound.

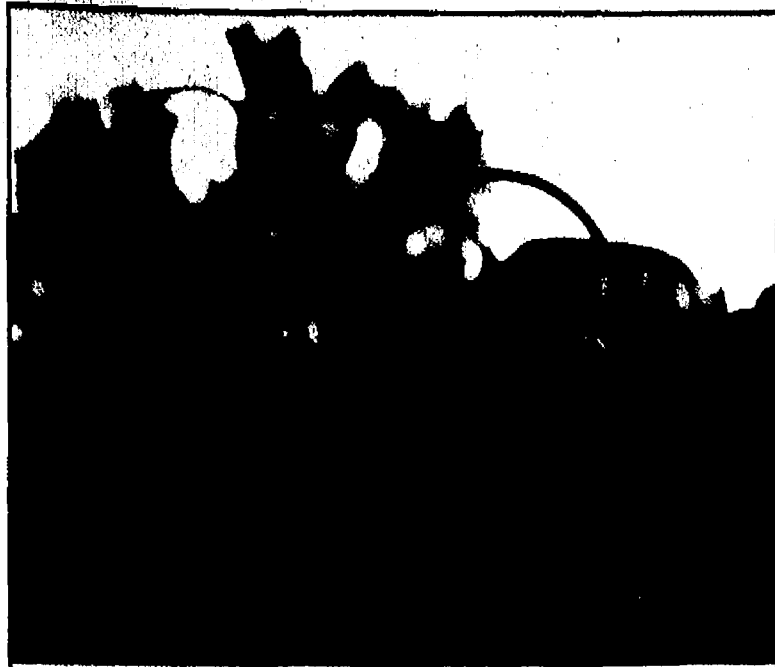
Nichols claimed that he did not see the train, Somero said.

Cars were stopped and lined up in left hand lane, when Nichols drove ahead and struck the train in the right hand lane, Somero said. Witnesses said the train signals at the train crossing were activated, Somero said.

No one was injured as a result of the crash. Nichols' car was totaled in the crash. He was cited for careless driving, which carries a \$200 civil infraction fine.

An environmental mitigation team from the Lake State Railway Company was called to Grayling to clean up oil leaking from the locomotive. A mechanic also responded to the scene for repairs.

"It was there for a few hours before they got it fixed," Somero said.



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Above, over 200 bowls, which were hand crafted, glazed and kiln fired, were auctioned off at the Empty Bowls Project's silent auction and soup reception.

Annual Empty Bowls Project supports River House Shelter

Hundreds of handcrafted ceramic bowls, displayed at Kirtland Community College's Student Center on the main campus, were auctioned off to raise money for the River House Shelter.

A silent auction and soup reception were held earlier this month and raised \$1,600 for the River House Shelter.

Through an ongoing partnership between Kirtland's Service Learning Department and River House, Inc., the annual Empty Bowls project provides much needed funds to help the shelter continue to provide safety and services to survivors of domestic and sexual abuse and the homeless population throughout Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon

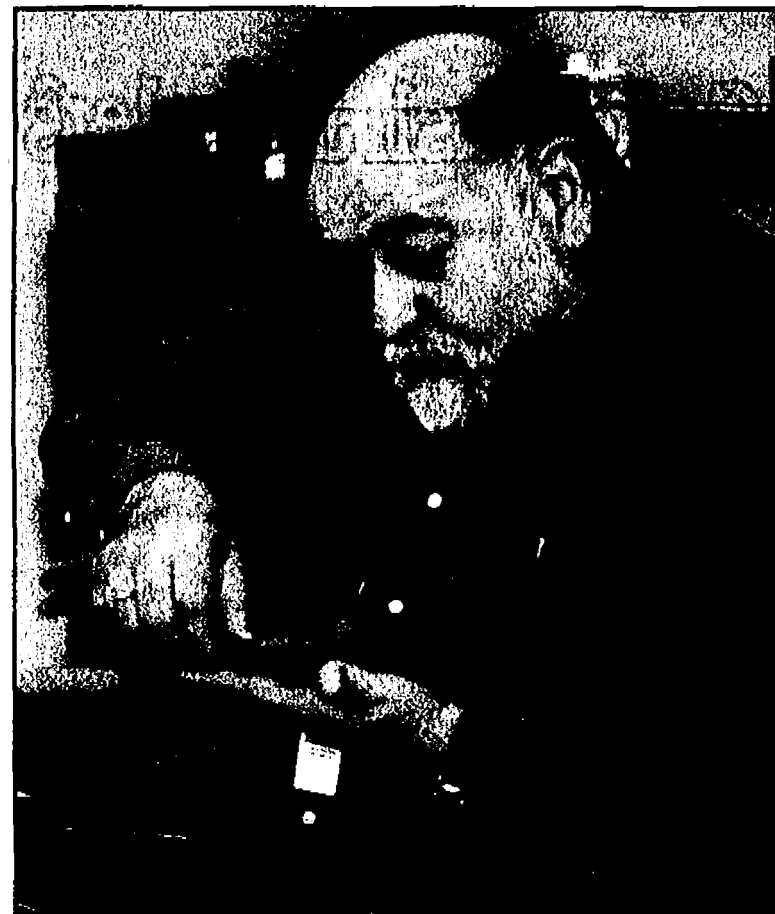
counties.

The bowls, and the project, are aptly named and serve as a reminder and symbol of the hunger, poverty and homelessness that exists in the neighboring communities.

Last year's Empty Bowls Project brought in over \$2,000 for River House and the local clients the non-

profit serves.

There are still 10 bowls available through the Empty Bowls Project, with a minimum auction bid of \$5 requested in an attempt to raise more money for the River House Shelter, said Sarah Madonna, the director of Public Information for Kirtland Community College.



Kirtland Associate Dean and Service Learning Director Nick Holton crafts a bowl for the auction.

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Waterways commission head weighs registration requirement for non-motorized watercraft

by Lauren Gentile
Capital News Service

LANSING — The chair of the Waterways Commission, Gary Marowske, has a new plan to combat low water levels and dredge many inland and Great Lakes harbors — require state registrations for non-motorized watercraft.

"Currently, non-motorized boats like kayaks and canoes do not have to be registered, but in the words of Gov. Snyder, 'You have to pay to play.' So my goal is to start registering these watercraft to have more of an income for the commis-

sion," Marowske of Grosse Pointe Farms said.

Marowske said he has no estimate of the number of non-motorized watercraft in the state.

Currently, the commission is funded through the approximately one million boats that are registered in the state and 2 percent of the gas tax.

The commission provides advice on policies and manages waterway programs such as refuge harbors and boat launch maintenance.

"One million boat registrations sounds like a lot, but when the

commission has so many initiatives, the money depletes quickly," Marowske said.

No registration legislation is pending, but Marowske said the process would start soon.

Ron Olson, chief of the Department of Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Division, says the seven-member commission has challenges in addition to funding.

"With the low water levels this year, dredging is an issue that needs to be addressed," Olson said. "The commission needs to contin-

ue to come up with some strategies on how to deal with the levels economically and recreationally."

Dredging is an excavation technique that gathers up sediments and disposes of them at another location to make waterways navigable.

Ward Walstrom, a new member of the commission and co-owner of Walstrom Marine in Harbor Springs, Cheboygan and Bay Harbor, said dredging is his number-one priority.

"Assuming the waterways stay at their current low level, harbors will

have to apply for grants and estimate the cost of dredging in the area. The commission will then review the application and see if we can budget the expense," he said.

Denny Grinold of Lansing and Dennis Nickels of Grand Rapids were also appointed to the commission by Gov. Rick Snyder.

Marowske said, "All three of the new members have had some type of expertise in waterways whether they are an avid boater, a marine owner or whatever it be. They're bringing a wealth of knowledge to the group."



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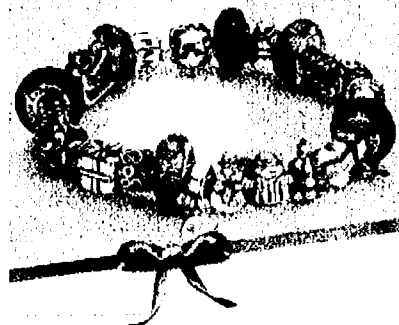


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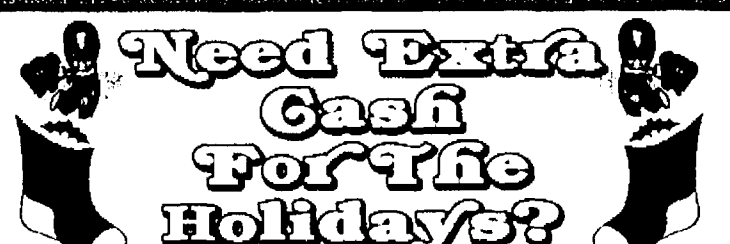
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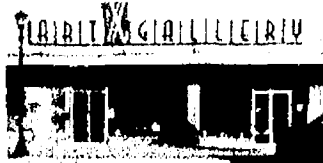
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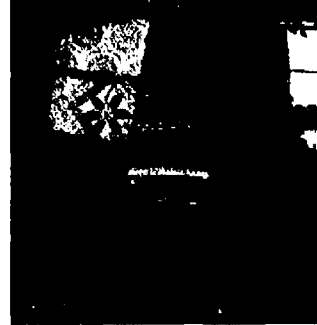
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Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Don't despair. Plenty of reasons to give thanks

(Note: Many of these thoughts at holiday time have appeared in The Almanack in years past. With a few fresh thoughts and ideas adjusted to fit Thanksgiving 2012, the sentiments are unchanged. Happy Thanksgiving!)

THE SEASON for The Grinch and Scrooge is just around the corner. First comes Thanksgiving.

So what? For many of us, things may not be going so well these days, especially around here in Michigan.

Unemployment remains high. Factories are closing or cutting back and jobs are lost. Schools and local governments are slowly starving for money. The war in Iraq is finally officially over, although American peace keepers are still dying on duty. The Iraq war lasted more than twice as long as our involvement in World War I, and rivals our time fighting in World War II.

The war in Afghanistan continues, with a projected end in another two years. That would mean a 13 year war, much longer than any American war in history, and many Americans remain doubtful

about why our military is still there.

On the home front, America has just been subjected to one of the most unpleasant political campaigns in recent memory involving way too much mud slinging and way too many attacks and spending way too money, and leaving a sour taste in the public mouth.

So maybe Scrooge and the Grinch are right. Bah! Humbug! A pox on the season!

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THANKFULLY that's only the short view. Despite our problems, there are plenty of reasons to be thankful.

Yes, the election from the presidency all the way down to campaigns for the county court houses and the township halls was filled with distasteful and excessive campaigning. But the basic system that allows and even requires public elections once again worked well, all things considered.

Just think of what we, as voters, have accomplished. Not everybody agrees with the directive, but a majority of those who voted made the decision, and that's what

counts in elections.

Fundamental change may follow, and without a single shot being fired, which is not unique in the world, of course, but it is unusual. Our system is not perfect, but it's better than most.

In many places around the globe, change comes only through armed revolution, physically destroying or displacing one set of leaders and ideas with another direction through threat or actual use of arms.

Not in America, and for that, we should be thankful.

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WE SHOULD BE thankful that for all the top offices to be filled at the election, and for most of the lesser ones, too, good people stepped forward to offer their services for the common good.

From the White House to the Court House, most candidates knew they would face hard work and disruption in their lives. They knew their families would confront their own set of difficulties as they ran for office. They knew they would suffer personal attacks, indignities, even ridicule.

Campaigning makes many personal demands on the candidates and their families. It is not an easy assignment.

Yet knowing all this, they agreed to go through the campaign ordeal to serve the people if they were elected.

It's the same for any candidate on any level; only the size of the job measures the size of the sacrifice.

Once in a while we may elect a scoundrel or two, but we should be thankful that by and large, qualified and quality candidates of all parties are willing to step forward, year after year. Win or lose, they deserve our thanks.

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AT THANKSGIVING TIME, we should be thankful for so many other things, too.

We should be thankful we can get together with friends and relatives to celebrate the holiday ... to take holiday trips and visit loved ones around the country or across town.

We should be thankful that when men and women armed with guns roam the woods and country-

side around here, they seek to kill only deer and other game, and not people with whom they differ in religion or ethnicity or color.

And yes, we should be thankful for newspapers and other media, including TV and the internet, from which we can obtain direct and uncensored information so necessary to a successful and meaningful way of life.

Most of us, by most standards, are pretty well off. Even taking into account the sorrows and uncertainties that are commonplace in most lives, Americans still are happy, more or less, and we should be thankful for that. It could be a lot worse.

When we stop to think of it, a single day to be thankful for all we have is not enough.

The Almanack wishes you a happy ... and thoughtful ... Thanksgiving.

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Give thanks for a safely prepared meal this holiday

There may be hundreds of ways to prepare your Thanksgiving dinner, but there are only a handful of ways to safely prepare it. Whether your recipes have been passed down for generations or are the latest trends in cooking magazines, follow these steps recommended by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) to prepare a safe and delicious holiday meal.

Purchase your turkey early, allowing time for it to thaw. Poultry should be thawed in the refrigerator in its original wrapper. Place a tray underneath the turkey to catch any juices that may leak from the package which would then cross-contaminate already cooked foods. Allow 24 hours of thawing time for every four to five pounds of frozen turkey; keep in mind that fresh or fully thawed poultry should be kept in the refrigerator for no more than two days before cooking.

If you've forgotten to thaw your turkey or are unable to purchase one until the last minute, you can use the cold water method to thaw it. Submerge your turkey in a container with enough cold water to cover the bird, changing the water every 30 minutes. Calculate 30 minutes per pound for thawing time. As a last resort, you can cook a frozen turkey, but it will require 50 percent additional cooking time and should not be filled with stuffing.

Place your uncooked turkey in an oven preheated to 325°F or higher.

"Using a food thermometer and checking the temperature in several areas of the bird is the best way to ensure your turkey has reached a minimum internal temperature of 165°F," said Kevin Bessey, MDARD Food and Dairy Division Director. "The thermometer should be placed in the innermost part of the thigh and wing, the thickest part of the breast, and inside the stuffing."

Additionally, food safety precautions should be taken when preparing the stuffing for your meal. Prepare stuffing just before cooking, no matter what variation your family prefers. Both dry and wet ingredients can be prepared separately ahead of time and chilled, but do not mix until cooking time. Prepare a stuffing that includes some moisture, because heat can destroy bacteria more rapidly in a moist environment than in a dry stuffing.

Baking stuffing outside the turkey is the safest method and the mixture can be prepared in advance as long as it is frozen or baked immediately. Do not stuff poultry with frozen or pre-cooked stuffing.

Remember to quickly chill food after dinner is served to reduce the risk of foodborne illness. For additional holiday food safety tips, visit www.foodsafety.gov.

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Tidbits about wild Turkeys

The domestic, farm raised turkey most Americans eat on Thanksgiving Day is nothing like the wild turkey feasted on by the Pilgrims and Native Americans.

With Thanksgiving Day upon us, the National Wildlife Turkey Federation released a few facts about the tasty game bird chosen as the main course for the first feast:

- Wild turkeys, now almost seven million strong, were almost extinct in the early 1900s.

- Wild turkeys can run up to 25 mph. Usain Bolt, the world's fastest-known human, averaged 23.35 mph during his world-record, 100 meters.

- Wild turkeys were argued by Benjamin Franklin to be a more

appropriate choice than bald eagles as our national bird.

- Wild turkeys rarely weigh more than 24 pounds while domestic turkeys regularly grow to more than 40 pounds.

- Wild turkeys, which have as many as 6,000 feathers, can fly as fast as 55 mph. Most domestic turkeys are too heavy to fly.

- Wild turkeys have much sharper vision than humans and can view their entire surroundings simply by turning their head.

- Wild turkeys can make at least 28 different vocalizations, with gobblers heard up to one mile away.

- Wild turkeys roost (sleep) in trees, often as high as 50 feet off the ground.

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Snowshoe lacing workshop to be held

Hartwick Pines State Park will host a Snowshoe lacing workshop on Dec. 8 and 9 and will be held at the Visitor Center at Hartwick Pines. This is your chance to build your own pair of wood framed snowshoes. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a sack lunch. Hot beverages and water will be provided. The cost is \$175 with a \$25 non-refundable reservation fee required to secure your spot. You must register before Nov. 30 by calling 989-348-2537.

Community dinner to be held

The Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Thursday, Nov. 22, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Grayling Army Airfield. This is a free event and takeouts and deliveries are available.

COA to hold caregiver series

The COA (Commission on Aging) 308 Lawndale, will hold a series entitled "Long Term Care Options" on Nov. 27, at 6 p.m. There will be many presenters on topics about In-Home Services, In-Home transition, Assisted Living Centers, Rehabilitation Centers and Nursing Homes and more. Presentations are free and open to the public.

Secretary of State to close

All state branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23 and SUPER!Centers will be closed on Saturday, Nov. 24 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Church to hold free soup dinner

The community is invited to Simply Soup, a free community dinner for everyone. It will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 27 from 5 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, located on the corner of Michigan Ave. and Spruce St. This month, Bean Soup, will be served.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Nominations open to recognize troop support

The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense (DOD) agency, is now accepting nominations for the 2013 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

The Freedom Award is the nation's highest award for civilian employers that support their employees serving in the National Guard and Reserve.

Nominations may be submitted by Guardsmen, Reservists or family members acting on their behalf at www.FreedomAward.mil through Jan. 21, 2013.

Nearly one million Americans serve in the Guard and Reserve, making up almost one-half of the nation's total military. For more than 10 years, these citizen warriors have responded to unprecedented national security demands and humanitarian missions spanning the globe.

The civilian employers of Guardsmen and Reservists have shared in their service to our nation by standing firmly behind employees, providing essential support and greater peace of mind.

"Employers of every size and industry continue to go to extraordinary lengths to demonstrate their unwavering commitment to employees serving in the Guard and Reserve," said James G. Rebholz, National Chairman of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. "I urge all Guard and Reserve service members who have benefited from their employer's support to nominate that

employer for this most prestigious award. A Freedom Award nomination allows service members to acknowledge and thank their employer for the essential role they play in supporting their military career and in our nation's defense."

Each year, up to 15 of the nation's most supportive employers are selected as recipients and honored at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Past Freedom Award recipients' supportive measures have included arranging childcare services for deployed employees, sponsoring trips to visit injured employees and working longer hours to cover the shifts of employees at military training.

The Freedom Award was instituted in 1996 under the auspices of ESGR to recognize exceptional support from the employer community. In the years since, 175 employers have been honored with the award.

Established as a DOD agency 40 years ago, ESGR develops and maintains employer support for Guard and Reserve service. ESGR advocates relevant initiatives, recognizes outstanding support, increases awareness of applicable laws and resolves conflict between service members and employers. Paramount to ESGR's mission is encouraging employment of Guardsmen and Reservists who bring integrity, global perspective and proven leadership to the civilian workforce.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Nov. 18 of \$25 each; Mark Bryans, Dave Walton, Pat Money, Steve Brinks and Donna Keene.

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for Nov. 9 was Wendy Clarkson and the winner for Nov. 16 was Shelley Hubbard.

Dental awareness program seeks to reach veterans

The Michigan Dental Association (MDA) Foundation is partnering with the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund to raise awareness about potential dental assistance for Michigan's 700,000 veterans.

Information cards are being distributed by MDA member dentists in their offices to advise veterans on where to go for more information regarding VA health care and the Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund. The Michigan Veterans Trust Fund distributes approved grants to help wartime veterans and their families regain their financial footing after an unforeseen, temporary, emergent financial crisis or hardship.

"MDA member dentists want to make sure Michigan veterans have all the information they need about potential dental assistance as well as VA health care and potential financial assistance programs," said Jeff Johnston, a Sterling Heights dentist and president of the Michigan Dental Association (MDA). "This is one way to ensure veterans get the care they need and deserve."

MDA Foundation President Mike Jennings said the awareness campaign aligns perfectly with the organization's goals.

"The foundation supports programs that improve access to oral health care, and helping connect veterans with the dental assistance they may be eligible for definitely fulfills that mission," Jennings said.

Although Michigan has the 11th largest veterans' population in the country, fewer veterans in Michigan access VA health care than their counterparts nationally.

"We have a responsibility to make sure Michigan veterans are getting the care that they deserve," Lt. Gov.

Kirtland's warbler calendar features local children's artwork

The 2012-2013 Kirtland's Warbler Young Artist Calendar is now available. The USDA Forest Service created the calendar with artwork submitted by children from northern Michigan in an annual contest.

This year, 275 schoolchildren in kindergarten through 8th grade from 14 different Michigan schools and homeschool groups participated in the contest. The calendar features artwork created by children that showcases northern Michigan's unique jack pine forest ecosystem. Artwork depicts a variety of wildlife including deer, bear, butterflies, snakes and the federally endangered Kirtland's warbler.

The calendar runs now through December 2013 and makes a great gift item. Calendar proceeds help support Forest Service Kirtland's warbler field trips for children and education efforts with local schools.

Limited quantities of the calendar are available for a suggested \$12 donation at the Mio Ranger Station, 107 McKinley Rd., Mio, MI 48647, and Huron Shores Ranger Station, 5761 N. Skeel, Oscoda, MI 48750.

Brian Calley said. "Michigan dentists are stepping up to make sure that happens with this frontline awareness campaign."

Jason Allen, senior deputy director at the Veterans Affairs Directorate, said the campaign will help us reach thousands of eligible veterans with valuable information on how they can access the VA health care they earned through service to our country or apply for financial assistance through Michigan's emergency grant program.

Many veterans are not familiar with how to access their VA health care or are not aware that the Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund offers emergency grants based on emergent financial hardship.

"Dental benefits are not automatic for most veterans," said Anne-Marie Dutcher, director of the Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund. "The trust fund provides emergency grants to eligible veterans through an application process initiated at the county level. Dentists are offering a valuable service by providing information on who to contact for an application."

Because most veterans are unaware of the availability of emergency grants, they often delay treatment. State Sen. Roger Kahn, R-Saginaw, who is also a physician, said that's a problem because oral and physical health are closely related.

"If you wait too long to get dental treatment, it can result in more serious health problems," Kahn said. "The close relationship between oral health and diabetes is of particular concern because inflammation that starts in the mouth weakens the body's ability to control blood sugar. To help prevent more serious conditions, we need to provide access to dental care."

Calendars may also be purchased online through the Eastern National Forests Interpretive Association at <http://www.enfamich.org>

Artistic entries for next year's calendar are now being accepted. For specific information about the contest requirements for artwork submissions and contest entry forms, visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/hmnf>. The deadline for the 2013 Kirtland's Warbler Young Artists Calendar Contest is March 15, 2013.

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All donating staff members of C.A.S.D., especially the 6th and 8th grade teaching teams, Mary Jane Helvie, Pamela Alexander, Melissa Hayes, Kay Avery, Sandra Baynham, Jeanette Murray, Gina Brunskill, Joni Metive, Clyde Holzbauer, Ms. Price and Mrs. Canfield and all families participating in the G.E.S. food drive.

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The Bible Speaks

God's Laws of Liberty

Our roots of Law in both England and America can be traced to William Blackstone (1723-1780) as found in his commentaries and journals. He dominated the common law legal system for over a century. An American edition of Blackstone was published in Philadelphia between 1771-72 and was widely read and trusted by our founders and ancestors. Blackstone believed human laws were like scientific laws. They were creations of God discovered by men, like Issac Newton discovered the laws of gravity. Blackstone concluded all laws came from God: "Thus we say, the laws of motion, of gravitation, of optics, or mechanics, as well as the laws of nature and of nations." God is sovereign lawgiver over His creation.

Thomas Jefferson apparently followed Blackstone's philosophy of law in the Declaration of Independence asserting the "self-evident" "unalienable Rights" of people granted by "the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God." Jefferson's indictments against the British Crown recited many of the absolute rights of individuals also stated by Blackstone including the prohibition of taxation without consent. Blackstone believed man was created in the image of God and therefore given the unique ability to think and reason. Since God rules by law, law should be the rule for human action. Blackstone said, "...as man depends absolutely upon his Maker for everything, it is necessary that he should in all points conform to his Maker's will." This supports our claim "In God We Trust" and "One Nation under God." Blackstone believed God created everything and placed his creation under natural laws. He believed human beings have the God-given ability to seek and know these laws, to choose that which is good, and to pursue their own happiness. As

Blackstone said, "He laid down certain immutable laws of human nature, whereby that free will is in some degree regulated and restrained, and gave him also the faculty of reason to discover the purport of those laws."

Blackstone said, "This law of nature, being coeval with mankind and dictated by God Himself, is of course superior in obligation to any other. It is binding over all the globe in all countries, and at all times; no human laws are of any validity, if contrary to this; and such of them as are valid derive all their force, and all their authority, mediately or immediately, from this original."

Blackstone believed the revealed law of God in Holy Scriptures is a part of natural law. He believed Holy Scripture gives fallen humans wisdom they could not discover by natural law alone. Therefore, Holy Scripture is a more authentic authority than discovered natural law. That is why Blackstone said, "Upon these two foundations, the law of nature and the law of revelation, depend all human laws; that is to say, no human laws should be suffered to contradict these." Blackstone concluded, "Nay, if any human law should allow or enjoin us to commit it, we, are bound to transgress that human law, or else we must offend both the natural and the divine." God and His Scriptures must remain supreme.

As U. S. President Adams said in 1837: "the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth. That laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity." Thank God for America!!! Pastor "B"

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Hatfield, Malone wed



Heather Hatfield and Jason Malone

Heather Lynna'e Hatfield married Jason Craig Malone on September 29, 2012 in Cheboygan on the Cheboygan River.

The Best Man was Todd Lauria. The Groomsmen were Travis Hatfield, Jamie Minto and Justin Bennett.

The Bridesmaids were Angie Bonamie, Amanda Ricketson, Melanie McClain and Cheryl Bennett. The Bridesmaids were all graduates of Grayling High School Class of 2000.

The bride and mother of the bride wore Alfred Angelo.

Parents of the bride are James and Nancy Hatfield from Grayling. Parents of the groom are Craig and Jeanne Malone from Higgins Lake.

Grandparents of bride are James and Joyce Kolka and Marie Hatfield from Grayling. Grandparents of the groom are Robert Greenwood and Dale Malone both from Cheboygan.

New website posts food safety inspection reports

by Edith Zhou

Capital News Service

LANSING - With the holidays around the corner, nobody wants their festivities ruined by poisoned food.

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has launched an online system that enables consumers to easily access inspection results from more than 19,000 groceries and other retail food establishments.

MiSafe gives consumers access to inspection results for grocery and convenience stores, including violations since September 2011. The website is www.michigan.gov/food-safety.

Violations are issued for problems such as post-dated foods that, if not resolved, may lead to foodborne illness, food contamination or an environmental health hazard.

According to the department, about 7,000 users visited the site in the first few weeks.

Jennifer Holton, director of communications for the department, said that the purpose of the MiSafe website is to offer greater transparency about inspections.

However, she warned that "just because an establishment may have been cited in an inspection does not mean they are a bad establishment. Generally the issue is corrected while the inspector is in the store."

Linda Gobler, the president of Michigan Grocers Association, said the system is useful.

"It's good to have all this information available to the public, and customers can choose the store based on the reports online," she said.

Restaurants are inspected by Michigan's 45 local

health agencies, and reports for them are not included on the new state website.

Peggy French of the Allegan County Health Department said her department already posts its restaurant inspection reports online.

French said that she hopes the new state system will make customers more knowledgeable and that the businesses will perform better on food safety.

Routine state inspections are typically conducted on a six, 12- or 18-month schedule, depending on the type and complexity of the food handling at the establishment.

The department implemented the state's updated Food Law to improve food safety practices in October.

Holton said the new law adopts federal and state safety codes, and is based on the best current food science.

Gobler said, "Because the new law is a mix of different codes and newest food science, it will help grocers produce, transport and store their products in the best way or standard."

Gobler said food safety is important for everyone. "Our food retailers are very concerned about it and it is also important for the retailers to build public trust that their food is safe."

Holton said that food safety is a team effort and takes the work of state, federal and local officials, as well as of the companies and the consumers.

"Food safety is the department's number-one priority. We work with the state's processors, producers and retail food establishments to make sure they are adhering to state and federal food safety laws and guidelines from farm to fork," she said.

Destruction of Kirtland's Warbler Habitat proves costly

A 51-year-old resident of Chesaning, Michigan, who pleaded guilty to illegally occupying part of the Kirtland's Warbler Wildlife Management Area in Roscommon County, a component of the National Wildlife Refuge system, was ordered to pay \$34,000 and sentenced to one year of probation, announced U.S. Attorney Barbara L. McQuade.

Magistrate Judge Charles E. Binder imposed the sentence on William Robert Colston, who admitted to building recreational encroachments on the wildlife management area adjoining his vacation property in Roscommon County, Michigan.

The wildlife management area provides breeding habitat for an endangered migratory bird species. The encroachments included a volleyball court, horseshoe pits, and an outdoor shower.

Colston was ordered to pay \$26,000 to the Seney Natural History Association for use in restoring and preserving habitat for Kirtland's Warblers, the affected endangered bird species. Colston was further ordered to pay \$7,000 to the Fish and Wildlife Service for the cost of removing his encroachments. Judge Binder also imposed an additional \$1,000 fine. Colston's was convicted of a federal misdemeanor.

According to information presented to the court at the time of Colston's guilty plea, Colston disturbed and occupied land that he knew was part of the Kirtland's Warbler Wildlife Management Area adjoining Colston's vacation home in Roscommon County.

Colston acknowledged that in the 1970s, he and other members of his family began the illegal use of the federal land adjoining their vacation property in Roscommon County. Colston ignored repeated

directives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service instructing him to remove the encroachments he had installed on federal land that was supposed to provide breeding habitat for Kirtland's Warblers. The owners of properties adjoining Colston's vacation home who had created more modification on the federal land, but removed those encroachments when so directed by the Fish and Wildlife Service, avoided prosecution.

Colston significantly expanded and enhanced the encroachments during the summer of 2011. He hired contractors to install a new, sand volleyball court, in part by having sand hauled and dumped on the refuge, two new horseshoe pits with backboards, and a new stone outdoor shower pad. The area illegally occupied by Colston had electrical service to the pole lights and a sound system on the professional-caliber sand volleyball court, as well as plumbing to operate the outdoor shower system. The result was an area of disturbance that was inconsistent with and destructive of the jack pine forest nesting habitat that is required by Kirtland's Warblers, which are protected by federal law and international treaties.

"Michigan's natural resources are its greatest asset," McQuade said. "We have an obligation to preserve our lakes, air and lands for future generations and for the native wildlife that lives there." U.S. Attorney McQuade was joined in the announcement by Regional Chief of Refuge Law Enforcement Chris Jussila of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

U.S. Attorney McQuade thanked the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for its successful investigation of this case. The case was prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Bay City.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Nov. 23 - Closed.

Monday, Nov. 26 - Lunch - breaded chicken sandwich, peas, potato salad and an orange. Dinner - herb marinated chicken breast, oven roasted potatoes, stewed tomatoes and plums. 10 a.m. quilting, 12:30 p.m. beginning Clogging, 1 p.m. Bridge, 1:30 p.m. Clogging, 2:30 p.m. Bunco.

Tuesday, Nov. 27 - Lunch - salmon patty, baked potato, corn, winter blend vegetables and pears. Dinner - stuffed peppers, carrots, sliced beets and fruit cocktail. 10 a.m. Bible Study and Zumba Gold, 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Foot Clinic - appointment required, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

blood pressure/sugar checks, 6 p.m. Long Term Care Options.

Wednesday, Nov. 28 - Lunch - stuffed Florentine shells, broccoli, cauliflower and peaches. Birthday

Dinner - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, Prince Charles blend, apricots and cake and ice cream. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool - Ball in Hand, Wii bowling and Mahjong, 2:30 p.m. COA Board meeting, 5 p.m. Glen's Birthday Dinner.

Thursday, Nov. 29 - Lunch - burrito, lettuce, tomato, rice, green beans, melon mix and chocolate chip muffin. Dinner - pepperoni pizza, asparagus, cole slaw and sliced apples. 10 a.m. crafting and Pokeno, 1 p.m. UNO Attack, UnLucky 7's, 3 p.m. Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

District Health Department #10

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for December.

Immunization clinics: Dec. 5 and 19. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

Family planning clinic: Dec. 4 and 18. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children. Dec. 6, 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 26 and 27. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training

sessions. For information, call 231-876-3839.

Breast and cervical cancer screenings are available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled for Dec. 11 and 18 in Grayling. Call 989-348-7800, ext. 8042, for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings. This is a free program for children ages 3 through high school. Appointments are necessary. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

Honors

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Western Michigan University announced their 2012 summer graduates. Keri Brock, of Roscommon, received a Master of Arts in Educational Technology



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Depot decked out for the holidays

The Crawford County Historical Museum and its caboose were decorated for the Christmas Walk on Saturday. Above, Joshua Hahnenberg, age 7, a Tiger Cub for Cub Scout Pack #3993 of Grayling, is pictured by a holiday display at the museum.

Photo by Dan Sanderson



Forest of Fear volunteers donate to local charities

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Although Mother Nature was not very cooperative this fall, the Forest of Fear was able to scare up enough funding to make donations to three community organizations.

The Forest of Fear, which was founded by Tom Cojocar, marked its sixth year on Stephan Bridge Road this fall.

Damp weather to downright downpours and blowing winds had a significant impact on the Forest of Fear, which was held each weekend in October.

"We had a bad year," Cojocar said. "One night we couldn't run because of the rain. Most of the other nights, it looked like it was going to rain and it rained until just before we opened, and then it just sprinkled all night long. The weather just kept people away and probably a little bit of the economy, too I would imagine."

Despite low attendance, Forest of Fear volunteers were able to donate \$1,200 worth of items to area non-profit organizations.

The Frederic Food Bank received \$500 worth of food from the Forest of Fear.

The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center received \$500 in canned fruit and vegetables, personal care items and other items such as bath soap, dish soap and laundry soap.

Marianne Gosnell, executive director for the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, said low-income people who qualify for Bridge Cards cannot get such items if they just receive food assistance.

"It helps out a lot," Gosnell said about donating the non-food items. "It's basic necessities as far as we're concerned."

The Forest of Fear donated \$200 in food to the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter.

Cheryl Postma, the director for the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, said extra food is needed for animals kept at the shelter.

"We were very thankful," Postma said. "It's been a tight year for us and it's something we knew we could use. They were very generous."

Despite having a damp, chilly year for the Forest of Fear, Cojocar said making the donations to the local organizations was heart



Photo courtesy of Tom Cojocar

Above, Jen and Lloyd Fisher portrayed a police officer and a death row inmate awaiting the electric chair for the Forest of Fear.

warming.

"It's gratifying," he said. "We all enjoy the feeling that we get, when it's all done and over and we get to go distribute this money."

People are just so appreciative and it just makes it worth it."

Cojocar, who also portrays the clown "Pillows" at local events, acknowledged

the 28 volunteers who bring the Forest of Fear to life.

"They all put their heart into it," he said. "That's what keeps us running."



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Lack of doctors plagues small Michigan communities

by Anjana Schroeder
Capital News Service

LANSING — The state's physician shortage has an adverse impact on smaller rural counties like Crawford and Roscommon while the demand for physicians nationwide remains high.

According to the Department of Community Health more than 10 counties are categorized as health professional shortage areas, including Wexford, Gladwin and Crawford.

These areas have "significant need for additional primary health care resources," according to the department.

Jessy Sielski, director for communications of the Michigan State Medical Society, said the society advocates for increased funding for medical residencies in Michigan and support.

Mercy Hospital Grayling's chief business development officer, Bryan Lydick, said its medical staff is comprised of physicians practicing in two counties — Crawford and Roscommon.

Lydick said, "It is getting harder and harder to recruit physicians and the patients need somewhere to go."

According to the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians, 45 percent of Michigan's physicians plan to retire in the next 10 years and the largest shortage is in primary care.

The academy's president, Christopher Bush, said, "The key to our organization's survival is to increase our family physicians — it's always been difficult to attract medical students into primary care residency programs."

"Not only do medical stu-

dents not have good family physician role models but they spend very little time with us — maybe one month in their third year," Bush said.

Bush said most of the training for medical students is in academic centers and hospitals where they are exposed to specialists and students become enamored by the prestige.

"Also, the medical student debt is fairly insurmountable — maybe more than \$200K to pay back after their training," Bush said, "and students facing this debt say they have to go into something that pays well."

Mary Neff, chief operating officer for Mercy Hospital Cadillac, said there are a limited number of physicians who want to practice in rural areas.

"We have needs that we're not able to meet in both primary care and specialty services," she said.

Citing a combination of answers why specialty physicians don't want to practice in rural areas, she said, "Physicians in a smaller environment are on-call more and sometimes the compensation is lower."

Many surgeons coming out of a residency program are highly specialized which lends itself to jobs in larger medical centers, she said.

"Sometimes it is because technology is available at larger centers but not in smaller ones."

Sielski said, "The best way to keep new physicians in Michigan is by increasing the residency slots in Michigan. Until this happens, we'll simply be exporting medical students/residents to other states, where they are more likely to settle."

Neff said, "We have broadened our referral network," and so when her hospital has specialty shortages, those physicians send patients to partners in places like Munson, Grand Rapids or Spectrum and other hospitals.

Mercy Hospital Cadillac recently lost a primary care physician because of family preference and then had both primary care physicians and specialists retire, she said.

One general surgeon was replaced but the hospital is recruiting more primary care physicians, Neff said.

"It's just tough to recruit because it's a rural market," she said, and because the demand is high everywhere, physicians have a lot of opportunities to choose from.

Bush said some family physicians will choose to be trained on more procedures such as delivering babies, colonoscopies and certification to practice sports medicine.

"Training is unlimited, but you just have to pursue it," he said.

Many doctors have to close their offices, Bush said, because "for many health plans, the reimbursement is less than the cost of the care provided. Medicaid may pay 30 percent of the cost of providing that office visit or surgery but doctors cannot afford to take many patients from that type of plan because it doesn't make sense economically."

One way hospitals can narrow the physician shortage is to recruit locally.

Lydick said Mercy Grayling works closely with the schools in its service area, so when students are interested in medical school, "we try to 'grow our own' and offer back education incentives within our system."

Neff said a Cadillac physician who was raised and went to school in Cadillac, later returned and opened a pediatric practice there.

Lydick also said Mercy Hospital Grayling supplements its physicians with mid-level providers such as nurse practitioners and physician assistants to support those they do have.

Neff also said some primary care physicians in Cadillac are expanding their access to patients by hiring nurse practitioners or physician assistants.

"I think that's been very helpful and it's a good model and we will see much more of that, either independent practices for nurse practitioners or partnerships with physicians."

"And when there aren't enough primary care physicians to take care of a population, people seek more expensive care, like the emergency room," Neff said. That creates a volume issue when ERs become crowded and it is much more expensive than office treatment, she said.

NCMCF announces grant application deadline

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For more information, call 877-354-6881. Applications are also available at www.ncmcf.org and may be submitted online or mailed to the NCMCF office at P.O. Box 495, Alpena, MI 49707, and must be postmarked by the deadline date.

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The 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of County

Road 612 and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail, Nov. 29 - Dec. 5.

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Police want earlier collection of DNA evidence

by Lauren Gibbons
Capital News Service

LANSING — Proposed legislation that would allow collection of DNA samples at any felony arrest could change the nature of police work in Michigan, but advocacy groups are split on how much personal information is too much.

Bills sponsored by Sens. Tonya Schuitmaker, R-Lawton, and Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge, would allow on-scene investigators to collect DNA samples from suspects arrested for any felony. If passed, the bills would expand the state's current DNA identification profiling system database.

Currently, the law allows DNA collection of suspects at the time of arrest only for certain crimes, including assault, murder, kidnapping, criminal sexual conduct, robbery, indecent exposure and prostitution. The measure went into effect in 2009.

Additional collections allowed under the bills would open the database to suspects for crimes such as

theft, unlawful weapon possession, repeated drunken driving and some levels of drug possession or distribution.

The proposals would allow more streamlined investigations and eventual cost savings for police agencies, said Sgt. Chris Hawkins, legislative liaison for the State Police.

Especially in cases when repeat offenses are common, DNA collection upon arrest could assist in bringing defendants to court for all crimes associated with their DNA at the same time.

If a suspect is found responsible for more than one crime based on DNA comparison only after a conviction, Hawkins said the trial process would have to begin again when it could have been resolved originally.

"This is a way we can be much more efficient," Hawkins said.

DNA samples of those not convicted would be automatically removed from the database, Hawkins said.

More than 20 states have similar policies on the books, including Ohio.

However, the idea of collecting genetic information for police work sparks some concern, both statewide and nationally.

The main objection involves overturned convictions if someone is arrested and exonerated, but his or her DNA remains in the database, said Shelli Weisberg, the legislative director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan.

The ACLU is working with lawmakers and other interested parties on the proposed legislation, Weisberg said.

Even if the bills pass, the organization hopes to see an easier method of removing DNA information about suspects who are cleared, she said.

"We're not happy with the DNA collection upon arrest, but the movement has been going on for several years now," Weisberg said. "At the very least, a method that would easily get the DNA

out of the database after overturned convictions would improve the situation."

A state court in Maryland deemed a similar law unconstitutional, citing invasion of the privacy of alleged criminals and a violation of the constitutional ban against unreasonable searches without a warrant.

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to review the case next year.

Jones, who worked in law enforcement for more than 30 years prior to becoming a legislator, said the proposal could make police more efficient in solving older crimes and ease the minds of victims and families.

"We could close a lot of cold cases with this," he said.

Jones said he's seen bipartisan support for the bills as they moved through the legislative process thus far.

The legislation is in the Senate Judiciary Committee and would need to be reintroduced next year if it doesn't pass by Dec. 31.

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by book club member Mary Smock.

The Crawford County Library is hosting a free five-part reading and discussion series called "Making Sense of the American Civil War." The library is one of more than 150 sites that are

hosting the series, developed by the American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities. The library is delighted to have been chosen to host this unique series that will allow patrons a chance to discuss the legacy

of the Civil War with fellow community members and with the help of a well-qualified scholar. For additional information or to sign up contact Jane at 989-348-9214.

Military News

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jesse A. Lane, son of Dorothy J. Lane and Jeffrey A. Lane, both of Frederic, along with 5,500 Sailors and Marines assigned to the Enterprise Carrier Strike Group (CSG) recently

arrived in Norfolk, Va., following a seven-and-a-half-month deployment supporting operations in the Mediterranean and the Arabian Seas.

USS Enterprise's return to Norfolk will be the 25th and

final homecoming in her 51 years of distinguished service. The aircraft carrier is scheduled to be inactivated Dec. 1, in a ceremony at Norfolk Naval Station.

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Voters have spoken, but police have final say

by Lauren Gibbons
Capital News Service

LANSING — Supporters of marijuana decriminalization proposals passed in five Michigan cities say the move is a symbolic step towards better regulation, but residents still might want to wait before lighting up, according to law enforcement officials.

Ballot proposals expanding legal marijuana use beyond current state and federal law earned voter approval by wide margins Nov. 6 in Detroit, Flint, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Ypsilanti.

Voters in Detroit and Flint supported decriminalization of less than one ounce of marijuana for those older than 21 and 19, respectively.

Grand Rapids voted to make marijuana possession a civil infraction, Ypsilanti determined marijuana possession to be the city's "lowest police priority" and Kalamazoo received voter authorization to construct up to three medical marijuana dispensaries within city limits.

State law currently prescribes a fine of up to \$2,000 and potential prison time for

those convicted of marijuana possession.

The timing and structure of the proposals across all five cities was no accident, said Tim Beck, one of the organizers behind Detroit's ballot proposal.

By having more lenient marijuana decriminalization laws passed in a wide variety of Michigan cities, Beck said it's harder for those opposed to marijuana reform to argue certain areas or demographics are the only supporters of decriminalization.

"It's easy for some people to write off Detroit as a special basket case, but they can't really say that about Grand Rapids," Beck said. "These proposals are wins in a lot of different, big demographic segments."

Meanwhile, voters in Washington and Colorado passed ballot initiatives legalizing marijuana for recreational use. A movement to put a similar proposal before Michigan voters failed to gain enough signatures for this year's ballot.

Statewide, Michigan already has legalized marijuana use for medical purposes when administered by

a licensed caregiver, but prohibits dispensaries from selling the drug, based on a Court of Appeals decision.

National and statewide law enforcement agencies oppose such measures, reminding the public that state and local laws haven't changed the federal ban on all marijuana uses.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration reiterated the position that its enforcement of the federal ban continues and that the Department of Justice is reviewing all ballot initiatives regarding marijuana.

Col. Kriste Etue, director of the State Police, said her department has struggled to keep marijuana usage in check since voters authorized medical marijuana use in 2008. She said the five latest local proposals could only complicate an already difficult legal issue in the affected cities.

"It has really been a struggle for law enforcement to make sure people are using marijuana for true medical reasons," Etue said. The city decriminalization laws "will have an impact on every community, and it does pre-

sent a lot of challenges for law enforcement now."

In some of the cities, local law enforcement agencies don't have major policy upheavals based on election results on the horizon, leaving residents vulnerable to criminal charges under state law.

Flint police Capt. T.P. Johnson said the Flint Police Department generally bases their enforcement practices on state law, and any changes to current practice regarding touchy legal issues such as marijuana possession would have to be discussed with the city attorney and other city officials.

"We haven't had any change in our policies just yet," Johnson said.

Even if the measures end up being more symbolic than substantial, Beck said the importance of getting all five proposals passed likely won't be lost.

"To some degree, they are symbolic, but the results are a dramatic indicator of where the public really stands here," Beck said. "That is the overriding message."

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 83 complaints the week of Nov. 12 - Nov. 18.

One EMS response, one natural death, 19 general non-criminal complaints, five false alarm activations, one assault and battery/simple assault, four larcenies, one damage to property, one

damage to property-private property, one amphetamine-possession, two flight to avoid prosecution complaints, one weapons offense-possession of weapon, one disorderly conduct, three public peace/disorderly conduct complaints, two operating while intoxicated complaints, one portable signal preemption device, one

financial responsibility law violation, five health and safety complaints, one smuggle contraband into prison, one conservation, one miscellaneous criminal offense, four miscellaneous arrests, five traffic accidents, two traffic violations-civil infractions, one accident fire, one inspections/property, four investigations-family trouble,

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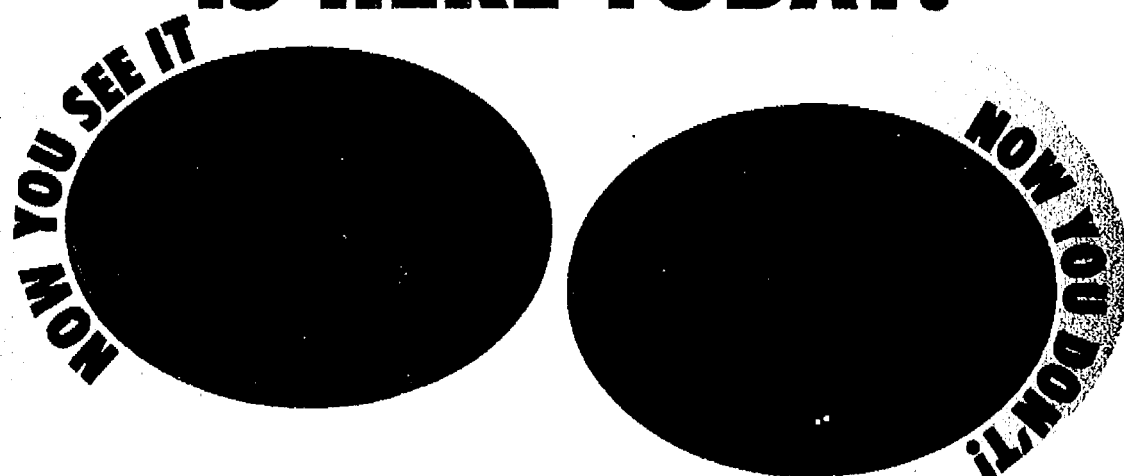
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Above, Grayling Elementary School students collected 2,090 items for the Frederic Food Bank during a two-week food drive.

Students collect food for Frederic Food Bank

The staff and students at the Grayling Elementary School made a commitment to help those less fortunate in the community.

A food drive was started by Dawn Price and Laurie Canfield's classes, but they wanted to make a greater impact so they asked the entire school to participate.

Pre-K through fifth grade classes participated with the goal being to fill the shelves of the Frederic Food Bank. Each classroom had a goal to collect three times the number of items, as there are students in the class.

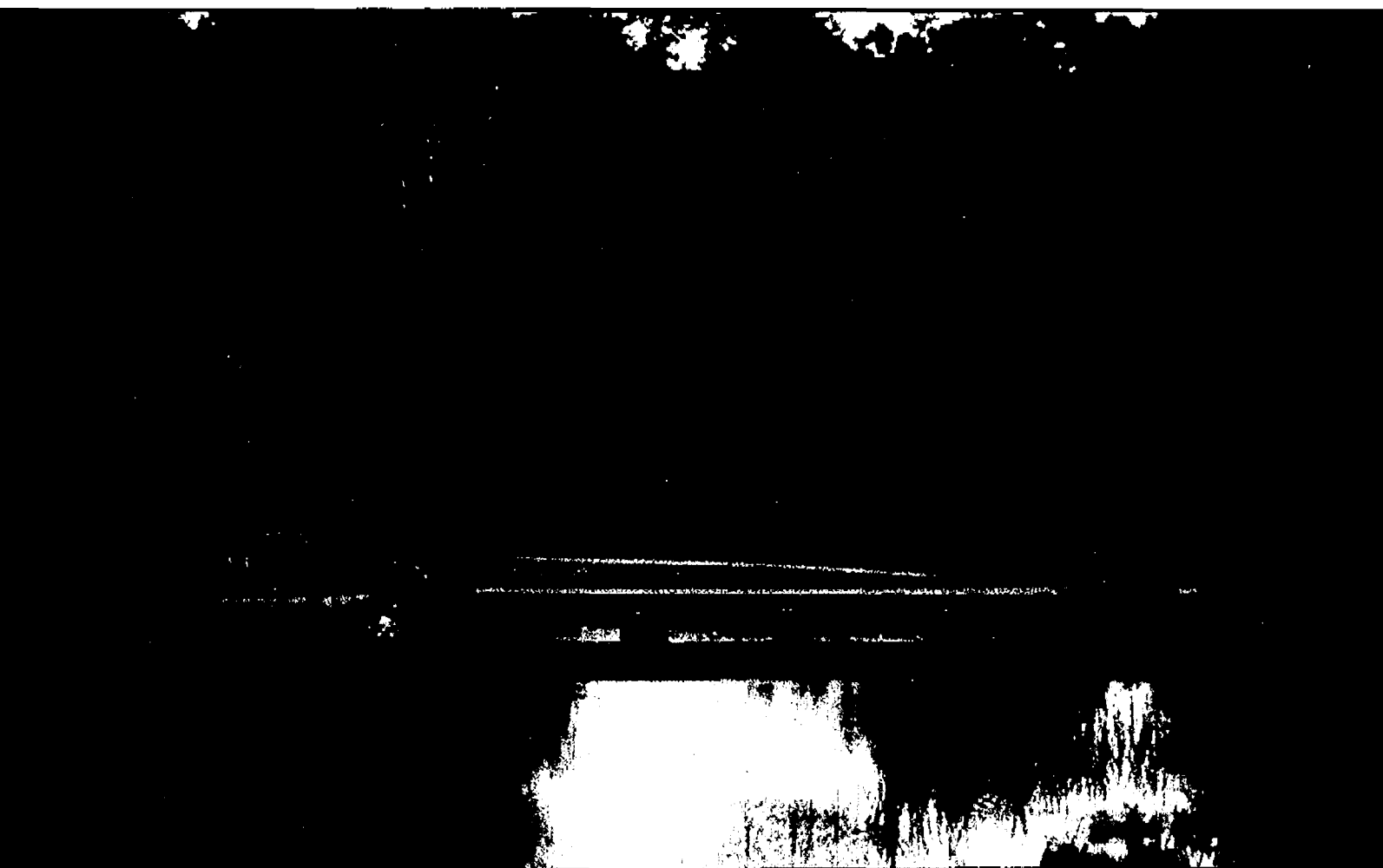
Those classes that met or exceeded their goal received a special helium balloon as well as having their class name posted in the hallway to the cafeteria and a song and dance from Canfield.

Seventeen classes out of 34 met their goal. The food drive ran from Nov. 1-14 with 2,090 items being collected. Kay Avery's fifth grade class collected the most from the upper elementary grades with a total of 169 items. The class that collected the most from the younger elementary grades with 128 items being collected was Sarah Thomas' class.

"The students took much pride in this endeavor and were excited to reach their goals," Canfield said. "This is a wonderful lesson in community service and many of our families will benefit from this food drive. We would like to send a great-big thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all the families who were able to participate."

The Frederic Food Bank is open 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. every Monday that school is in session to all residents of Crawford County and is located in the former Frederic Elementary School on the south side of the gym.

If you are interested in donating food or money to the Frederic Food Bank, call Clyde Holzbauer at 344-3624.



Above, Huron Pines obtained a \$20,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to alter a dam located on the East Branch of the AuSable River on the Grayling Fish Hatchery grounds.

Dam alteration proposed at Grayling Fish Hatchery

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The Grayling Recreation Authority informed Crawford County that it could not operate the Grayling Fish Hatchery due to operational losses.

Dan Vogler, the owner and general manager of the Harrietta Hills Fish Farm, said an agreement has been reached with the county to operate the hatchery for two years. Vogler is seeking to operate the Grayling Fish Hatchery year-round for commercial production of rainbow trout. The fish hatchery would be open to the public during the tourism season, as it has been for the last 30 years.

Vogler said maintaining water levels, adequate water flow and waters temperatures in the raceways is critical to rearing trout, issues that altering the dam could impact.

"It presents some challenges for us," Vogler said.

Vogler received a draft memorandum of understanding from DNR officials last week, regarding the management agreement between his fish farm and Crawford County. Vogler said the document would undergo a thorough legal review.

"Hopefully, we will be in good shape and will be able to finalize everything and can move forward," Vogler said.

In August, DNR officials said they would not exercise a clause to take back the Grayling Fish Hatchery property as long as public access continues and issues are addressed by state agencies.

Meanwhile, Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo said Jackie Morgan, a representative from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Development, was updated on the proposal between Harrietta Hills and the county.

Compo urged Morgan to pay a site visit to the fish hatchery since USDA grants have been used for property improvements at the Grayling Fish Hatchery.

Most of the funding was used to restore the Grayling Fish Hatchery building, which is not part of the management agreement between Harrietta Hills and the county.

Some federal funds were used for a seawall and to improve raceways at the fish hatchery.

Compo said the meeting was favorable toward the public-private plan for the fish hatchery.

"She was very positive about the proposal and that we're still keeping it open to the public, which is our main goal," Compo said.



Breakfast with Santa brings in the holidays

The Grayling Cooperative Preschool hosted a Breakfast with Santa at the American Legion Post #106 on Saturday as part of the community's Christmas Walk festivities. Above, twins Lilly and Emily Brown, age 5, from Grayling, sit down for a hearty breakfast. Below, Christian Richmond, age 2, and Isabelle Richmond, age 6, of Grayling, are pictured with Santa.

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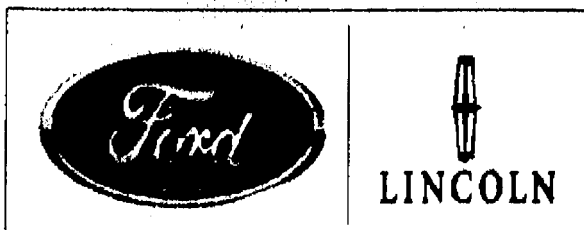


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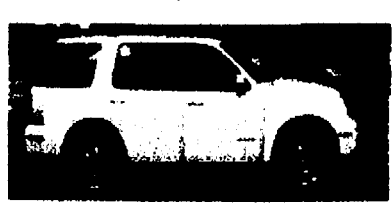
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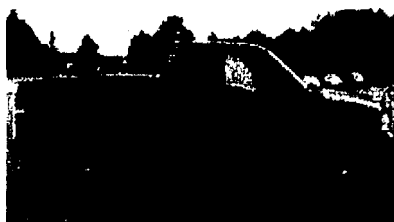
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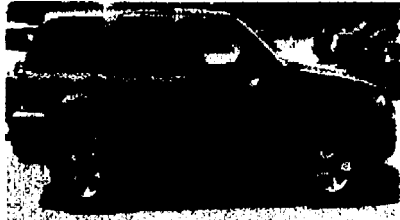
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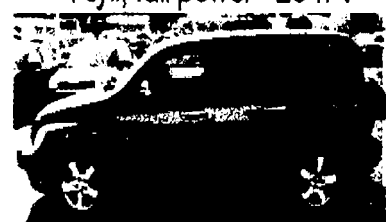
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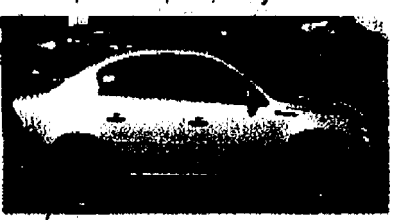
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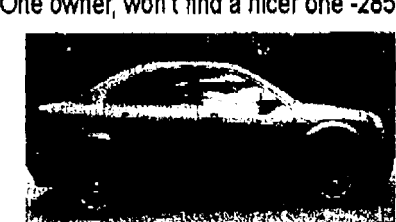
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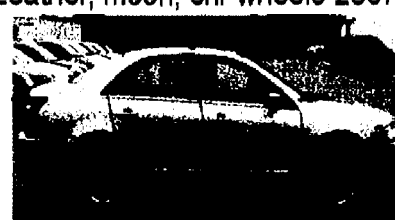
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Erin Messerschmidt was the first hunter to display a deer on this year's buck pole. She won the awards for first buck and first female hunter on Thursday.



Parker Learman, winner of the youngest hunter category on Thursday, was the second person to display a deer on this year's buck pole at Skip's Sport Shop.

Hunters display 40 deer on buck pole, most since 2008

Orangecoat Roundup yields 18 deer on day one, 22 on day two

Hunters displayed 18 deer on the buck pole at Skip's Sport Shop during day one of Grayling's Orangecoat Roundup – the first day of firearm deer hunting season – on Thursday. During day two of the buck pole event – it's a competition that gives hunters an opportunity to win cash prizes in a variety of categories – participants displayed 22 deer, so the final number for this year's two-day Orangecoat Roundup was 40.

This year's total was the most since 2008 – a year that also had 40. Hunters displayed 31 deer last year, 26 in 2010, and 28 in 2009.

The Camp Grayling Conservation Club (CGCC) conducts the Orangecoat Roundup at the buck pole at Skip's. Event organizers were expecting a solid number of deer for this year's competition.

"Pre-hunt scouting had many hunters spotting bucks, so anticipation of a good hunt was high," the CGCC said in a press release.

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Buck pole photos courtesy of Bob Gingerich/www.photomichigan.com

Jason Krause – his deer weighed 170 pounds and had a rack score of 149 3/4 – won the heaviest buck and biggest rack awards for day one of the Orangecoat Roundup this year.

Winter sports teams get ready for 2012-2013 campaign

All of last year's coaches are back for this year's season

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Teams are practicing and preparing. The winter sports season for Grayling High School – a campaign that will include boys basketball, girls basketball, wrestling, and skiing – will get underway with games and meets in late November and early December.

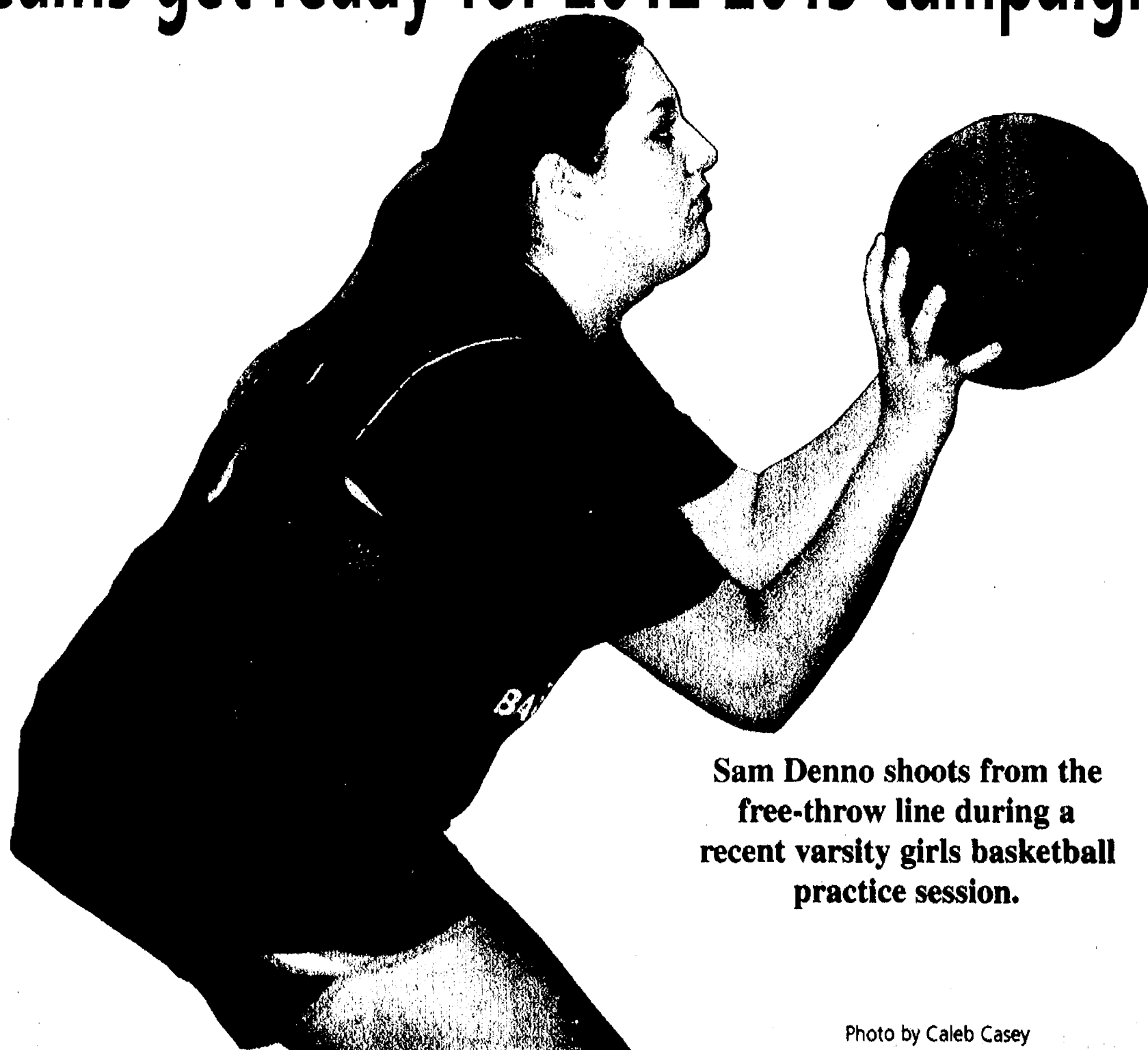
Grayling High School's coaching roster for winter sports will be the same as last year. Rich Moffit is the varsity boys basketball head coach, Levi Burkett is the JV coach, and Chris Kucharek is the freshman coach. Joe Powers is the varsity girls basketball coach and Brooke Knight is the JV coach. Andy Moore returns as the wrestling coach and Tim Gariglio is back as coach of the skiing program.

"I think they're all ready to build and grow from last year's success," said Eric Tunney, Athletic Director for GHS.

The girls basketball program started its official practices on Nov. 5 – one week before the other sports. The one-week difference keeps the district tournaments for boys and girls basketball separated.

The girls basketball team will not have a freshman team again this year due to overall player numbers.

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Sam Denno shoots from the free-throw line during a recent varsity girls basketball practice session.

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#03 Mike Barr	Grayling, MI	136 pounds	82	#04 Bart McLanahan	Swartz Creek, MI	125 pounds	77
#04 Bruce Hinman	Livonia, MI	89 pounds	19 3/8	#05 Andrew Martin	Grand Blanc, MI	118 pounds	88 3/8
#05 Bob Bernier	Clarkston, MI	105 pounds	29 1/8	#06 Brian Jacobs	Frederic, MI	115 pounds	121 3/4
#06 Ron Rakoczy	Grayling, MI	125 pounds	81 5/8	#07 Louis Cotton	Grayling, MI	70 pounds	30 5/8
#07 Steve Burnham	Lake Orion, MI	118 pounds	55	#08 Rich Elswick	Warren, MI	140 pounds	93 1/2
#08 David Hinman	Lake Orion, MI	112 pounds	44 5/8	#09 Jody Bird	White Lake, MI	149 pounds	133 5/8
#09 Lindsey Terbrack	Portage, MI	102 pounds	29 7/8	#10 Christian Betz	Hastings, MI	132 pounds	76 1/2
#10 Kevin Feeney	Kalkaska, MI	110 pounds	38 3/4	#11 Michael Bessley	Grayling, MI	130 pounds	116 1/2
#11 Tim Padgett	Grayling, MI	121 pounds	88 3/4	#12 Stan Karies	West Branch, MI	168 pounds	123 7/8
#12 Art Wargo	Rochester Hills, MI	103 pounds	26 3/4	#13 Harold Terry	Roscommon, MI	126 pounds	140 1/8
#13 Dean Eickhoff	East Point, MI	110 pounds	72 1/8	#14 John Graham	Lovells, MI	180 pounds	150 7/8
#14 Derrick Cassidy	Midland, MI	148 pounds	135 5/8	#15 Eric Swander	Grayling, MI	165 pounds	147 7/8
#15 Jason Krause	Marine City, MI	170 pounds	149 3/4	#16 Robert Wagerschutz	Kalkaska, MI	165 pounds	104 5/8
#16 Michael McCully	Jackson, MI	143 pounds	133 1/4	#17 Brock Pepper	Houghton Lake, MI	125 pounds	77 3/8
#17 Cody Howard	Mt. Morris, MI	134 pounds	94 7/8	#18 C. J. Fielder	Houghton Lake, MI	142 pounds	98 1/2
#18 Courtney Hickman	Grayling, MI	95 pounds	45 1/8	#19 Jim Hutton	Royal Oak, MI	108 pounds	60 5/8
				#20 Cathy Barerra	Howell, MI	98 pounds	42 3/4
				#21 Rick Buckingham	Howell, MI	145 pounds	100 1/4
				#22 Daniel Stanton	Northville, MI	142 pounds	120

Buck pole results courtesy of the Camp Grayling Conservation Club

Hunters display 40 deer on buck pole, most since 2008

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"We have had pretty good hunter traffic at Skip's all week. With opener next to the weekend it makes for an ideal long hunting weekend," said Jack Millikin, owner of Skip's Sport Shop.

This year's event started with temperatures near 30 degrees on the morning of the first day with overcast skies. The first hunter to arrive with a buck was 15-year-old Erin Messerschmidt of Grayling at 8:45 a.m. Right behind her was 12-year-old Parker Learman, also of Grayling.

By 10 a.m. the count had risen to nine.

Just after noon, Derrick Cassidy of Midland arrived with the 14th and largest buck of the day so far; it weighed 138 pounds and had a rack score of 135 5/8.

"Less than an hour later Jason Krause arrived and announced that he had gotten a buck that morning and was back laying on the couch and his friends made him bring it in. When the buck pole volunteers looked at his pickup they could see the rack sticking up higher than the box and after looking over the side they knew this would be a contender for the biggest buck of the day," event organizers said.

Krause's buck weighed 170 pounds and had the largest rack score at 149 3/4 inches. Day one of the Orangecoat Roundup ended with 18 bucks – the same number as last year. The last deer to arrive was shot by 12-year-old Courtney Hickman, who was hunting with her mother. Hickman and her mother dressed out the buck, drug it out of the woods, and got it to Skip's 30 minutes before the day's activities closed at 5 p.m.

Day two started with temperatures in the mid 20s and significant fog.

"Hunters were not only having a hard time seeing in the woods – they were having a hard time getting to the woods," event organizers said.

"The first hunter to bring in a buck taken on Friday was Hannah Hilton of Nashville, Michigan. Hannah, age 16, bagged a 111-pound buck. As the day warmed up, so did the hunting. With a bright sun soaked afternoon hunter after hunter arrived, driving the total number of bucks past the first day level. Several large bucks with huge racks arrived almost at the same time. Eric Swander from Grayling brought in a large buck but the heaviest buck and the one with the biggest rack for the two days was brought in by John Graham of Lovells, weighing 180 pounds and 150 and 7/8 inches of rack," event organizers said.

For 20 years the CGCC has sponsored and staffed the running of the buck pole. Hunters are awarded

prizes in various categories such as first buck for the day or youngest hunter. Volunteers weigh the deer and they measure the antlers, using a scoring system that takes into consideration total spread, number of points, and length of points. The hunter whose deer has the best rack score over the course of the entire two-day event wins the grand prize – a new scoped hunting rifle.

This year, Graham's deer had the biggest rack and he won a Savage Axis 243 caliber rifle with a 3x9x40 Tasco World Class scope for the "best buck" of 2012.

Other award winners for the 2012 Orangecoat Roundup included: (day one) Erin Messerschmidt, first buck, first female hunter; Parker Learman, youngest hunter; Art Wargo, oldest hunter; Jason Krause, biggest rack, heaviest buck; (day two) Hannah Hilton, first buck, first female hunter; Harry Kauffman, oldest hunter; Louis Cotton, youngest hunter; John Graham, heaviest buck, largest rack.



Photo courtesy of Bob Gingerich/www.photomichigan.com

John Graham's deer had the largest rack during this year's two-day Orangecoat Roundup, winning him the grand prize – a new scoped rifle.

Bowling Leagues

Recreation League

Ball Busters 33 - 11
American Legion . . . 28 - 16
R. Smith CPA . . . 26.5 - 17.5
Days Inn 25 - 19
Mercy Manor 22 - 22
Spikes 21.5 - 22.5
Grayling Nursing . 16 - 28
High Series: S. Johnson, 511; N. Glasslee, 503; P. Younglove, 481. High Game: S. Johnson, 190; N. Glasslee, 186; P. Younglove, 181.

Thursday Morning Coffee

Thanks "A Latte" . . 26 - 18
Snow Tops 25 - 19
Bowling Buds . . . 22.5 - 21.5
Eddie & Cruisers . . 22 - 22
Ladybugs - NOT . . 19 - 25
Splitpins 17.5 - 26.5

High Series Women: C. Clark and H. Stairs, 473; M. Rysso, 430. High Game Women: C. Clark, 172; H. Stairs and M. Brosky, 167. High Series Men: D. Canfield, 542; B. Hollis, 540; E. Brosky, 521. High Game Men: D. Canfield, 202; B. Hollis, 194; E. Brosky, 193.

Friday Mixed Doubles

G & B Rentals . . . 57 - 20
Don Nester 55 - 22
World of Floors . . . 43 - 34
Dodi's Karaoke . . . 38 - 39
AJD 34 - 43
Legion 31 - 46
L & L Hauling . . . 28 - 49
Swamp II 22 - 55
High Series Women: N.

Glasslee, 505; M. Becker, 494; D. Hollis, 485. High Game Women: D. Hollis, M. Becker and N. Glasslee, 178. High Series Men: L. Ostrowski, 678; J. Gerken, 661; J. Hunt, 640. High Game Men: L. Ostrowski, 257; J. Hunt, 237; J. Gerken, 235.

Pioneer League

Legion 27 - 13
T.C. Lawncare . . . 26 - 14
Suburban Bolt . . . 24 - 16
Tim's Collision . . 18.5 - 21.5
Pink Ladies . . . 13.5 - 26.5
High Series: P. Benardo, 524; L. Golnick, 485; M. Ginther, 477. High Game: M. Kroell, 191; M. Ginther, 182; P. Benardo, 180.

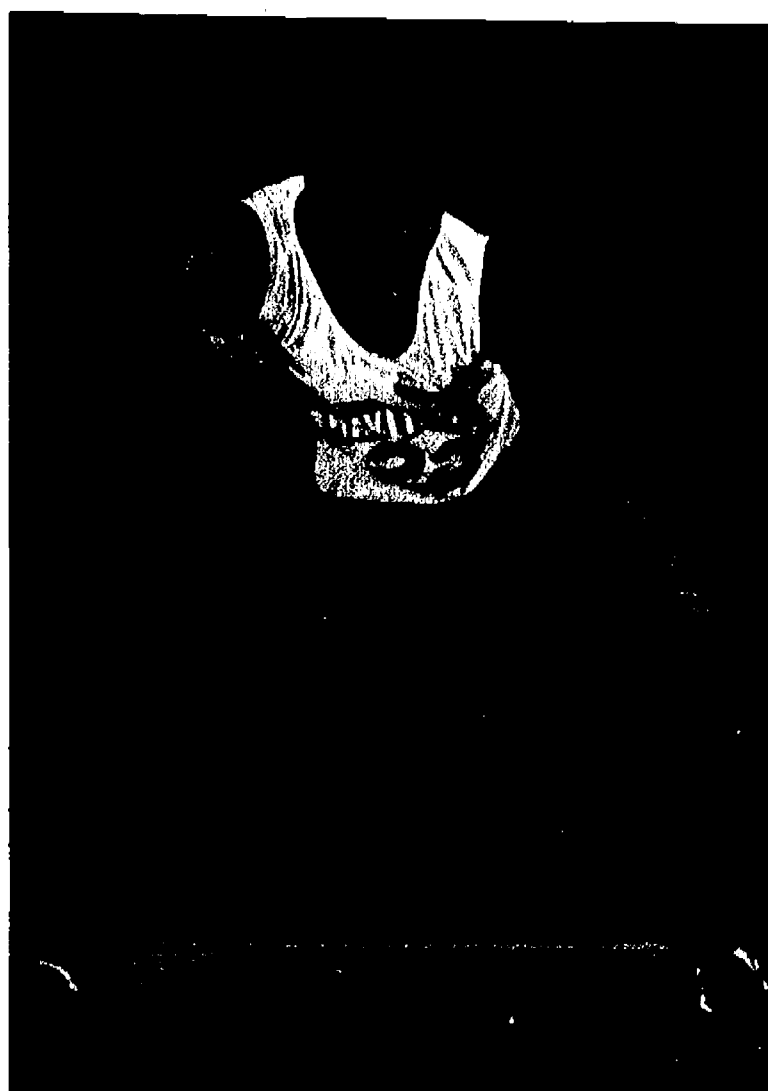
Pool League

Women's Standings

Swamp 2 40
Frederic Inn 59
Legion 43
Gray Rock 46

Ramada Inn 59
Two Track 1 63
Two Track 2 49
5 Ball Run: Jo (2) (Two Track 1), April (Swamp).

6 Ball Run: Carla (Gray Rock).
Won all games: Jo and Marie (Two Track 1).



Darrin Johnson, left, and Fred Fisher, right, dribble the ball for Grayling's 8th grade boys basketball team on Monday.



Jaden Gauthier, left, looks to shoot for the 7th grade team on Monday vs. Cherryland. Trey Moffitt, right, takes a three-point shot for the 7th grade squad.

GMS Boys Basketball

8th grade
The GMS 8th grade boys basketball squad lost 50-9 on Monday night vs. the visiting Cherryland (Elk Rapids) team.

Ron Woidan had six points for the Vikings. Josh Hetfield had three points for GMS.

7th grade
The 7th grade boys basketball team from Grayling Middle School won 31-24 vs. Cherryland (Elk Rapids) on Monday night in a contest played at GMS.

The Vikings started the game with an 8-0

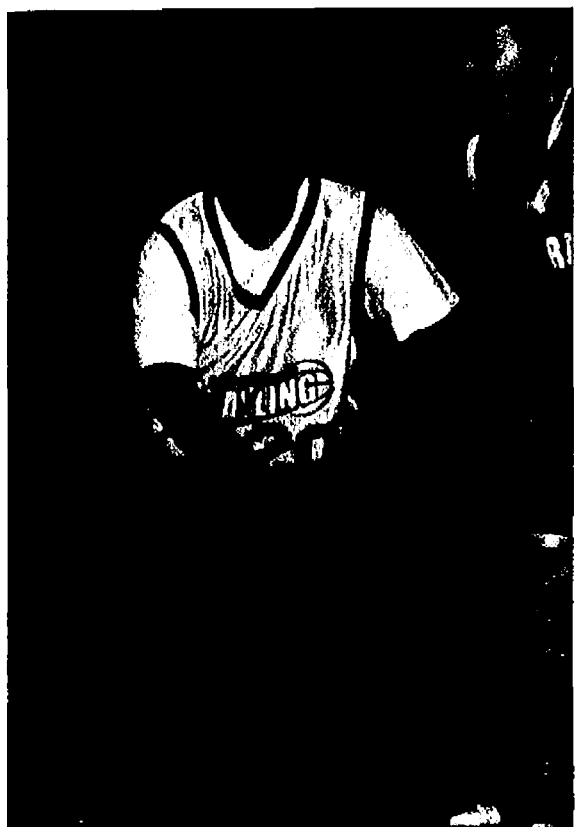
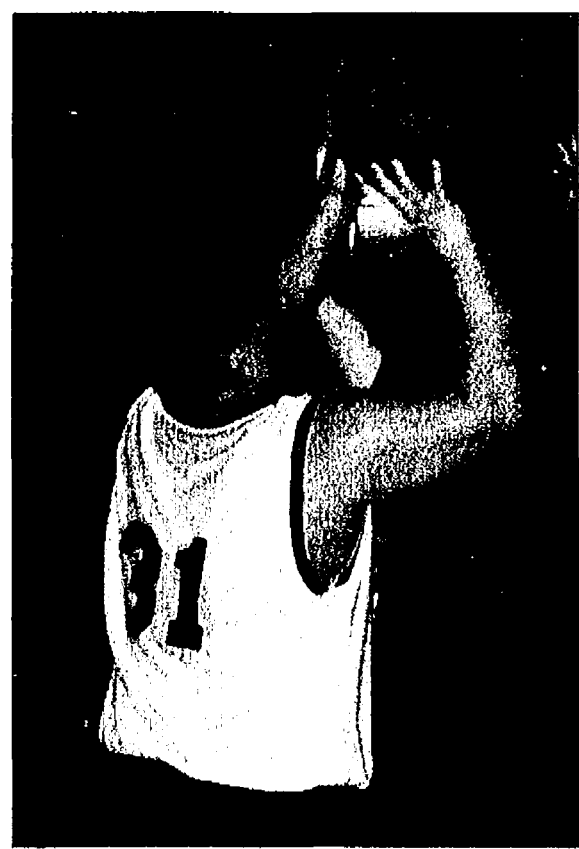
run and they led 17-8 at halftime. Grayling took a 19-14 advantage into the fourth quarter.

Justin Nicholas had 15 points for the Vikings. Jaden Gauthier had six points. Brent Weismiller had four points. Trey Moffitt and Sam Davis each scored three points for GMS.

7th/8th grade
Grayling Middle School's 7th/8th grade boys basketball combo team lost 29-14 vs. Cherryland (Elk Rapids) on Monday night in a game played at GMS.



Bronson Wellman, left, dribbles the ball for the GMS 7th/8th grade combo team. David Lanskey, right, shoots for the combo squad.

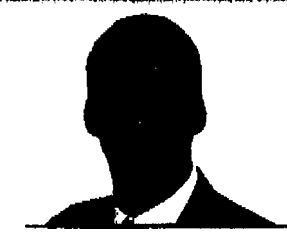


Louis Cotton, left, dribbles the ball for the 7th grade Vikings on Monday. Nate Burmeister, right, handles the ball for GMS.



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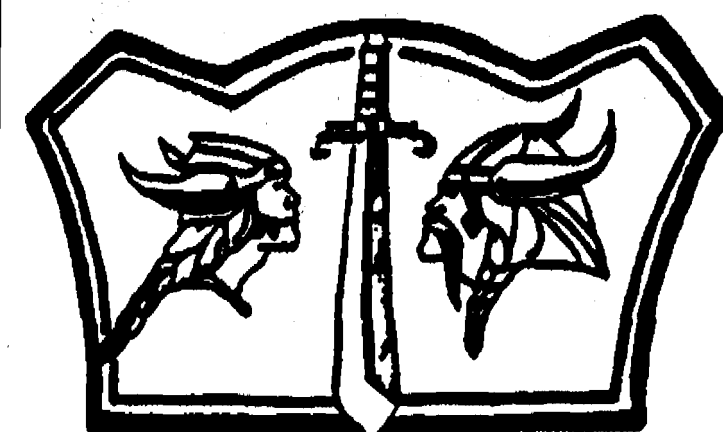
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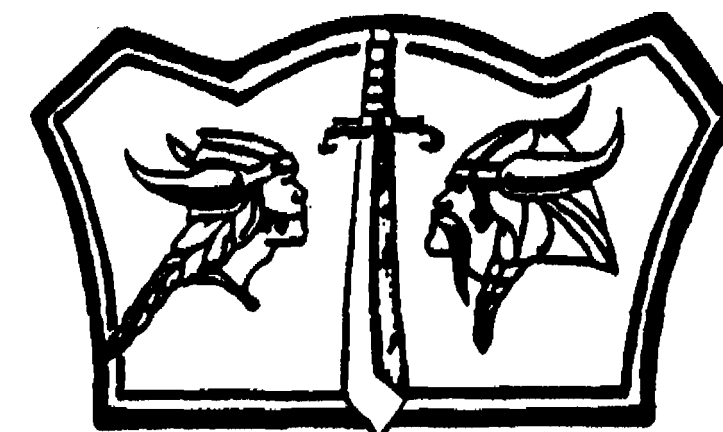
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2012-13 WINTER SPORTS CALENDAR



Varsity Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Time	Bus
Tuesday	December 4, 2012	Roscommon	H	7:30	4:45
Saturday	December 8, 2012	Benzie Central @ Kalkaska	A	7:00	
Friday	December 14, 2012	Harbor Springs	H	7:30	
Tuesday	December 18, 2012	Elk Rapids	A	6:30	3:00
Thursday	December 20, 2012	Roscommon	A	7:30	4:45
Friday	January 4, 2013	Kalkaska	A	7:30	
Tuesday	January 8, 2013	TCSF	H	7:30	
Monday	January 14, 2013	Gaylord	H	7:30	
Friday	January 18, 2013	Boyer City	A	7:30	4:00
Tuesday	January 22, 2013	Charlevoix	A	7:30	3:45
Friday	January 25, 2013	East Jordan	A	7:30	4:00
Tuesday	January 29, 2013	Ogemaw Heights	A	7:30	4:15
Friday	February 1, 2013	Harbor Springs	A	7:30	3:15
Tuesday	February 5, 2013	Elk Rapids	H	6:30	
Friday	February 8, 2013	Kalkaska	A	7:30	4:40
Tuesday	February 12, 2013	TCSF	A	7:30	4:00
Friday	February 15, 2013	Boyer City	H	7:30	
Tuesday	February 19, 2013	Charlevoix	H	7:30	
Friday	February 22, 2013	East Jordan	H	7:30	
Tuesday	February 26, 2013	Houghton Lake	H	7:30	

J.V. Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Time	Bus
Tuesday	December 4, 2012	Roscommon	H	6:00	
Saturday	December 8, 2012	Benzie Central @ Kalkaska	A	5:15	TBA
Thursday	December 13, 2012	Harbor Springs	A	7:30	3:45
Monday	December 17, 2012	Elk Rapids	A	6:30	3:00
Thursday	December 20, 2012	Roscommon	A	6:00	4:45
Friday	January 3, 2013	Kalkaska	A	7:30	4:45
Monday	January 7, 2013	TCSF	H	6:00	
Thursday	January 10, 2013	Gaylord	A	7:30	4:45
Monday	January 14, 2013	Boyer City	H	7:30	
Tuesday	January 17, 2013	Charlevoix	A	6:00	3:45
Thursday	January 24, 2013	East Jordan	H	7:30	
Tuesday	January 29, 2013	Ogemaw Heights	A	6:00	4:15
Thursday	January 31, 2013	Harbor Springs	H	7:30	
Tuesday	February 5, 2013	Elk Rapids	H	5:00	
Thursday	February 7, 2013	Kalkaska	H	7:30	
Tuesday	February 12, 2013	TCSF	A	6:00	4:00
Thursday	February 14, 2013	Boyer City	A	7:30	
Tuesday	February 19, 2013	Charlevoix	H	6:00	
Thursday	February 21, 2013	East Jordan	A	7:30	
Tuesday	February 26, 2013	Houghton Lake	H	6:00	

Freshman Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Time	Bus
Tuesday	December 4, 2012	Roscommon	H	6:00	
Tuesday	December 18, 2012	Elk Rapids	A	5:00	3:00
Thursday	December 20, 2012	Roscommon	A	6:00	4:45
Tuesday	January 8, 2013	TCSF	H	6:00	
Monday	January 14, 2013	Gaylord	H	6:00	
Friday	January 18, 2013	Boyer City	A	6:00	4:00
Tuesday	January 22, 2013	Charlevoix	A	6:00	3:45
Tuesday	January 29, 2013	Ogemaw Heights	A	6:00	4:15
Tuesday	February 5, 2013	Elk Rapids	A	5:00	
Tuesday	February 12, 2013	TCSF	A	6:00	4:00
Friday	February 15, 2013	Boyer City	H	6:00	
Tuesday	February 19, 2013	Charlevoix	H	6:00	
Tuesday	February 26, 2013	Houghton Lake	H	6:00	

Wrestling

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Time	Bus
Wednesday	December 5, 2012	Quad @ OHHS	A	TBA	TBA
Saturday	December 8, 2012	St. Ignace Inv.	A	TBA	TBA
Wednesday	December 12, 2012	Charlevoix/Boyer	A	6:00	TBA
Saturday	December 15, 2012	Farwell Inv.	A	TBA	TBA
Thursday	December 20, 2012	Quad @ Grayling	H	TBA	TBA
Friday	December 28, 2012	Freeland Inv.	A	TBA	TBA
Saturday	January 5, 2013	Roscommon Inv.	A	TBA	TBA
Saturday	January 12, 2013	Kingsley Inv.	A	TBA	TBA
Thursday	January 17, 2013	TCSF/TBA	A	6:00	TBA
Saturday	January 19, 2013	Ithaca Inv.	A	TBA	TBA
Tuesday	January 22, 2013	Elk Rapids/Kalkaska	H	TBA	TBA
Saturday	January 26, 2013	NMC Invitational	A	TBA	TBA
Saturday	February 2, 2013	LMC Championship @ TCSF	A	6:00	TBA

Varsity Girls Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Time	Bus
Wednesday	November 28, 2012	Roscommon	A	7:30	4:45
Saturday	December 1, 2012	Suttons Bay @ Kingsley	A	1:45	TBA
Friday	December 14, 2012	Harbor Springs	A	6:00	
Tuesday	December 18, 2012	Elk Rapids	A	5:00	3:00
Wednesday	December 19, 2012	Houghton Lake	H	7:30	
Friday	January 4, 2013	Kalkaska	H	6:00	
Monday	January 7, 2013	Houghton Lake	A	7:30	4:45
Wednesday	January 9, 2013	TCSF	A	7:30	4:00
Monday	January 14, 2013	Gaylord	H	6:00	
Friday	January 18, 2013	Boyer City	A	6:00	4:00
Wednesday	January 23, 2013	Charlevoix	H	7:30	
Friday	January 25, 2013	East Jordan	A	6:00	4:00
Monday	January 28, 2013	Roscommon	H	7:30	
Friday	February 1, 2013	Harbor Springs	A	6:00	3:15
Monday	February 4, 2013	Elk Rapids	H	6:00	
Friday	February 8, 2013	Kalkaska	A	6:00	4:40
Wednesday	February 13, 2013	TCSF	H	7:30	
Friday	February 15, 2013	Boyer City	H	6:00	
Wednesday	February 20, 2013	Charlevoix	A	7:30	3:45
Friday	February 22, 2013	East Jordan	A	6:00	

J.V. Girls Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Time	Bus
Wednesday	November 28, 2012	Roscommon	A	6:00	4:45
Saturday	December 1, 2012	Suttons Bay @ Kingsley	A	12:00	
Thursday	December 13, 2012	Harbor Springs	A	6:00	3:45
Monday	December 17, 2012	Elk Rapids	A	5:00	3:00
Wednesday	December 19, 2012	Houghton Lake	H	6:00	
Thursday	January 3, 2013	Kalkaska	A	6:00	4:45
Monday	January 7, 2013	Houghton Lake	A	6:00	4:45
Wednesday	January 9, 2013	TCSF	A	6:00	4:00
Monday	January 14, 2013	Gaylord	A	6:00	4:45
Thursday	January 17, 2013	Boyer City	H	6:00	
Wednesday	January 23, 2013	Charlevoix	H	6:00	TBA
Thursday	January 24, 2013	East Jordan	H	6:00	
Monday	January 28, 2012	Roscommon	H	6:00	
Thursday	January 31, 2013	Harbor Springs	H	6:00	
Monday	February 4, 2013	Elk Rapids	H	5:00	
Thursday	February 7, 2013	Kalkaska	H	6:00	
Wednesday	February 13, 2013	TCSF	A	6:00	
Thursday	February 14, 2013	Boyer City	A	6:00	4:00
Thursday	February 20, 2013	Charlevoix	A	6:00	3:45
Thursday	February 21, 2013	East Jordan	A	6:00	4:00

Ski Team

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Time	Van
Thursday	January 10, 2013	League Meet @ Nubs Nob	A	5:00	1:45
Monday	January 14, 2013	Grayling Inv. @ Schuss Mtn.	A	10:00	6:30
Friday	January 18, 2013	TCSF Inv. @ Schuss Mtn.	A	4:30	TBA
Thursday	January 24, 2013	League Meet @ Nubs Nob	A	5:00	1:30
Monday	January 28, 2013	Manistee Inv. @ Crystal Mtn.	A	10:00	TBA
Thursday	January 31, 2013	League Meet @ Boyne	A	5:00	TBA
Monday	February 4, 2013	Benzie Inv. @ Crystal Mtn.	A	4:30	TBA
Wednesday	February 6, 2013	League Championship @ Boyne Highlands	A	TBA	TBA
Monday	February 11, 2013	Regionals @ Boyne	A	TBA	TBA
Monday	February 25, 2013	State Finals @ Marquette	A	TBA	TBA

Middle School Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Time	Bus
Tuesday	November 6, 2012	TC St. Elizabeth	A	4:30	2:45
Monday	November 12, 2012	Cherryland MS	H	5:00	3:15
Wednesday	November 14, 2012	East Jordan MS	A	4:30	3:00
Monday	November 19, 2012	Boyer City MS	H	5:00	
Tuesday	November 20, 2012	Ogemaw Heights	A	4:30	3:00
Monday	November 26, 2012	Kalkaska	A	4:30	3:00
Wednesday	November 28, 2012	Harbor Springs	H	5:00	
Monday	December 3, 2012	Charlevoix	A	4:30	2:15
Wednesday	December 5, 2012	Cherryland MS	A	4:30	3:00
Monday	December 10, 2012	TC St. Elizabeth	H	5:00	
Wednesday	December 12, 2012	Kalkaska	H	5:00	

Middle School Girls Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Time	Bus
Monday	January 21, 2013	TC St. Elizabeth	A	4:30	2:45
Wednesday	January 23, 2013	Elk Rapids	H	5:00	
Monday	January 28, 2013	East Jordan	A	4:30	3:00
Wednesday	January 30, 2013	Boyer City	H	5:00	
Monday	February 4, 2013	Kalkaska	A	4:30	3:00
Wednesday	February 6, 2013	Harbor Springs	H	5:00	
Monday	February 11, 2013	Charlevoix	A	4:30	2:15
Wednesday	February 13, 2013	Elk Rapids	A	4:30	2:45
Monday	February 18, 2013	TC St. Elizabeth	H	5:00	
Wednesday	February 20, 2013	Kalkaska	H	5:00	

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Winter sports teams get ready for 2012-2013 campaign

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The JV and varsity girls basketball teams will open their 2012-2013 seasons with away games at Roscommon on Wednesday, Nov. 28. The JV contest starts at 6 p.m. and the varsity match will follow.

The boys basketball program, which has three teams, began its official practices on Nov. 12.

The Vikings will host the Roscommon Bucks on Dec. 4 in their season openers. The JV game will start at 6 p.m. at Grayling High School and the varsity contest will follow. The freshman game will start at 6 p.m. at the Grayling Middle School.

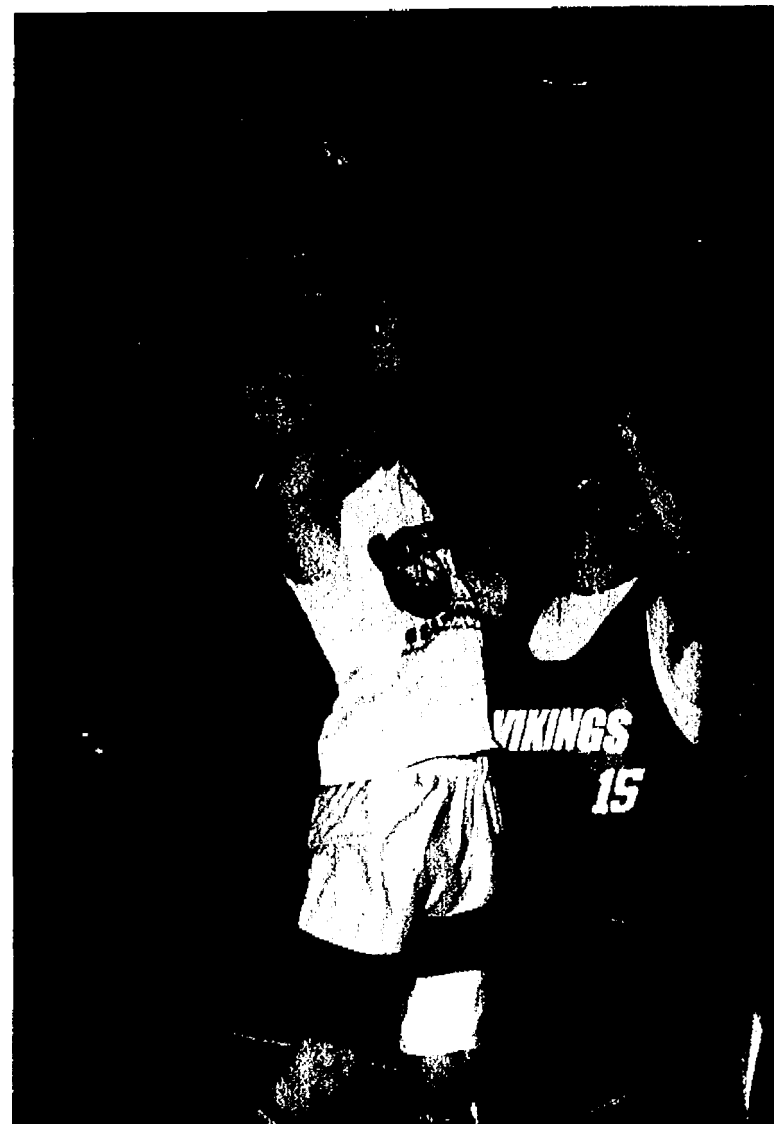
The boys and girls basketball programs will also participate in a tournament in the early part of the season. The two-day event – a combination of the Northwest Conference and the Lake Michigan Conference – will give each team, both varsity and JV, one game to play.

The Tip Off Tournament for the girls will be held at Kingsley on Friday, Nov. 30, and Saturday, Dec. 1. Grayling's girls will play on Saturday, Dec. 1, at noon (JV) and 1:45 p.m. (varsity).

The tournament for the boys will be held at Kalkaska on Dec. 7-8. Grayling will play on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 5:15 p.m. (JV) and 7 p.m. (varsity).

The tournament "will be great for (Coach) Joe (Powers) and (Coach Rich Moffit) to scout potential playoff teams and teams from the league," Tunney said.

The basketball teams will play varsity girls/varsity



Tyler McClanahan drives to the basket during a varsity boys basketball practice on Friday.

boys formats on Friday nights for league contests. On Thursdays, generally, the two JV teams will play. Other nights of the week will usually feature JV girls/varsity girls and JV boys/varsity boys game day formats. Splitting it that way allows parents with players on different teams more access to their kids' games, and it gives varsity coaches a chance to see their younger teams play, Tunney said.

The wrestling program started its official practices last week. The Vikings will open their 2012-2013 season with a meet at Ogema Heights on Wednesday, Dec. 5. The squad's Saturday tournaments will include St. Ignace, Farwell,

Roscommon, Kingsley, and Ithaca.

"They're going to some tougher invitationals. Coach Moore wanted to beef up the schedule a little bit, go against some tougher competition to get ready for the tournament," Tunney said.

Grayling has only two home meets on its wrestling schedule this year, but the Vikings will host their district tournament this year. The team has won district championships in four of the last six years (2011, 2009, 2008, 2007).

The ski team's first meet is slated for Jan. 10 at Nub's Nob. The Vikings will host the Grayling Invitational at Schuss Mountain on Monday, Jan. 14.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 19, 2012.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: A parcel of land located in the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County,

Michigan: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 12, thence South 88 degrees 36 minutes 07 seconds West along the East-West 1/4 line, 323.74 feet for a point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 15 minutes 09 seconds West 336.73 feet; thence South 88 degrees 41 minutes 10 seconds West 324.33 feet; thence North 00 degrees 21 minutes 14 seconds East 336.27 feet; thence North 88 degrees 36 minutes 07 seconds East along the East-West 1/4 line 323.75 feet to the point of beginning. Together with and subject to An easement for ingress, egress installation, and maintenance of utilities described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 12, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, thence South 88 degrees 36 minutes 07 seconds West along the East-West 1/4 line 290.73 feet for a point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 15 minutes 09 seconds West 700.95 feet; thence along the arc of a non-tangent curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 66.00 feet, arc length of 345.58 feet, central angle of 300 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds, a chord bearing of North 89 degrees 44 minutes 51 seconds West, and a chord length of 66.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 15 minutes 09 seconds East 699.05 feet; thence North 88 degrees 36 minutes 07 seconds East along the East-West 1/4 line 66.02 feet to the point of beginning. Subject also to a County Road right of way over the Northerly side thereof.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel E. Lupi and Barbara Lupi, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 13, 2004, and recorded on May 21, 2004 in Liber 668 on Page 424, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for ABFC 2004-OPT5 Trust, ABFC Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-OPT5 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy and 75/100 Dollars (\$74,970.75).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 5, 2012. Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel B:

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, Town 25 South, Range 4 West, described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 3; thence North 3 degrees 02 minutes 36 seconds East (along the East Section line) 545 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 88 degrees 26 minutes 24 seconds West 977.22 feet; thence North 2 degrees 49 minutes 30 seconds East 776.27 feet; thence South 88 degrees 31 minutes 30

seconds East (along the North 1/8 line) 980.59 feet; thence 3 degrees 02 minutes 36 seconds West (along the East Section line) 778.12 feet to the Point of Beginning. Except the South 478.12 feet of Parcel B.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Judith L. Fredrick, an unmarried person, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 7, 2003, and recorded on May 21, 2003 in Liber 635 on Page 290, and assigned by said Mortgagee to PHH Mortgage Corporation as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Three Hundred One and 03/100 Dollars (\$75,301.03).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 19, 2012.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 2: Being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 25 North, Range 4 West, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Northwest Corner of said Section 11, Thence South 0 degrees 29 minutes 5 seconds West along Section Line 525.95 feet, for a Place of Beginning; thence continuing South 0 degrees 29 minutes 5 seconds West, 261.95 feet; thence South 89 degrees 32 minutes 40 seconds West, 364.00 feet, to the Place of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bryan D Sattler an unmarried man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for New Freedom Mortgage Corporation its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 17, 2004, and recorded on March 25, 2004 in Liber 667 on Page 26, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Eight and 58/100 Dollars (\$69,658.58).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 19, 2012.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 335, Indian Glens of the Ausable No. 5, Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 25, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert A. Koch and Kathryn A. Koch, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Credit Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 13, 2005, and recorded on April 25, 2005 in Liber 675 on Page 114, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to PHH Mortgage Corporation as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Nine and 95/100 Dollars (\$107,349.95).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 5, 2012. Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 7 and 8, Northwest Village No. 1, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 47-48, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Glenda A. Jacobs, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to First Federal of Northern Michigan, Mortgagee, dated July 17, 2009, and recorded on July 29, 2009 in Liber 696 on Page 929, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-One and 40/100 Dollars (\$116,761.40).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 26, 2012.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 10.01 acres of the South 50.05 acres of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 3 West. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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rower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan: Lots 31 and 32, AUSALE WOODS NO. 3, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 9, Crawford County Records. Commonly known as: 2141 Irene Avenue Tax Parcel No.: 20-040-45-142-00-031-00 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 8, 2012 By: Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 2155 Butterfield Drive Suite 200-S Troy, MI 48084 WWR# 10107253 (11-08)(11-29) -8-15-22-29

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by RODNEY TATA AND LORA MIRK, a single man and a single woman, Mortgagors, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Mortgagee, dated November 22, 2006, and recorded December 11, 2006, in Liber 684, Page 491, of Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice \$32,375.47, including interest at 10.16% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, December 5, 2012, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, Michigan. Said premises are situated in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being a part of the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 7, T25N, R2W, described as: commencing at the W 1/4 corner of said Section 7; thence South 88 degrees 00' E along the E and W 1/4 line, 2040.3 feet; thence North 1 degree 46' East, 993.6 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 1 degrees 46' East, 331.2 feet; thence South

87 degrees 48' East, 331.85 feet; thence South 1 degree 32' West along the 1/4 line, 331.0 feet; thence N 87 degrees 51' West, 333.19 feet to the point of beginning; c/k/a 477 E. Pere Cheney, Roscommon, MI 48653 a/k/a 7279 Ashlee, Roscommon, MI 48653 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days. Please be advised that if the mortgaged property is sold at a foreclosure sale by advertisement, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 you will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale, or to the mortgage holder, for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: November 1, 2012 LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC Attorneys for Mortgage P.O. Box 721400 Berkley, MI 48072 (248) 586-1200 (11-01)(11-22)

-1-8-15-22

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald Eugene Starosta, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 5, 2005 and

recorded April 14, 2005 in Liber 674, Page 974, and , Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by US Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., CSFB Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-8 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Five and 1/100 Dollars (\$144,375.01) including interest at 6.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the South entrance to the Clinton County Circuit Courthouse, 100 E. State Street (M-21), St. Johns, Michigan, 48779 in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on DECEMBER 5, 2012.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Land situated in the Township of Grayling, in the County of Crawford, State of Michigan is described as follows: Lot(s) 2, in the Plat of Harbor Beach Subdivision, Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, Grayling, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: November 1, 2012 Orleans Associates, P.C., Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007 File No. 12-510300 (11-01)(11-22)

-1-8-15-22

SYNOPSIS SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP November 13, 2012 Regular Board Meeting Unapproved

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Attending: L. Luck, George, Musselman, S. Luck and Janisse.
Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by S. Luck, and seconded by George, to accept agenda with changes. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by Musselman, to accept consent agenda, October Regular Meeting Minutes, bills and invoices paid, the Treasurer's Report, Fire/EMS Report, and projected bills for November as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by S. Luck, and seconded by Musselman to approve payment of the invoice from attorney in the amount of \$1,776.60. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Public comment. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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NOTICE

The Grayling Housing Commission announces that on 11/15/2012 the PHA shall make available for public review a draft of components of its 5-Year and Annual Agency Plan, ACOP, and Administrative Plan changes per guidelines of 24 CFR 903, a requirement of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998.

The documents will be available Monday through Friday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the PHA office located at 308 Lawndale, Grayling, MI.

On December 31st, 2012 at 2pm a public hearing will be held at 308 Lawndale Grayling, MI to receive any public comments prior to the plan's finalization and submission to HUD.

NOTICE FREDERIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW VACANCIES

Frederic Township needs to fill vacancies on the Township Board of Review

The terms run for two years from January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2015. To be qualified you must be a qualified elector, township land owner, and tax payer.

Anyone interested in serving please send a letter of interest, no later than December 6, 2012.

To: Township Supervisor
Frederic Township
PO Box 78
Frederic MI 49733

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP SEEKS PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANTS

South Branch Township is seeking persons who would like to serve their community as a member of the South Branch Township Planning Commission.

These are appointed positions for varying terms of service. Interested individuals must be resident of South Branch Township and should submit a resume or letter of interest to:

Lynn George, Clerk
South Branch Township
P.O. Box 606
Roscommon, MI 48653

Any questions regarding these positions may be directed to the Township during normal business hours, 9 a.m. to Noon, Monday through Friday, 989-275-8232.

Laurie Luck, Supervisor
South Branch Township

PUBLIC Act 188 of 1954 Proceedings MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN

BIG BRADFORD LAKE IMPROVEMENTS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-27-10

(This special assessment shall include only the 12 parcels located on the Big Bradford Lake Waterfront)

At a meeting of the Township Board of Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan, held at Maple Forest Township Hall, on the 27th of October, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Savings Time.

PRESENT: Baynham, Madill, Feldhauser

ABSENT: Kniss, Babbitt

The following resolution was offered by Baynham and supported by Madill.

WHEREAS, the supervisor and assessing officer of the township has, in accordance with resolution of the township board and the laws and statutes pertinent thereto, prepared a special assessment roll in the amount of \$6000.00 (\$100.00 per parcel for 5 years) covering all the parcels of land in the Big Bradford Assessment District No. 1 (12 parcels total), according to the relation of the benefit to each parcel of land to the total benefit to all parcels of land in such special assessment district and has affixed thereto his/her certificate as required by said resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That said special assessment roll shall be filed with the township clerk and shall be available for public examination during regular working hours of regular working days from the present date until the public hearing upon the same and shall further be examined at such public hearing.
2. That the township board shall meet at 7:00 pm on December 11, 2012 at the Maple Forest Township Hall located at 8996 Sherman Rd., Frederic, Michigan 49733 to review such special assessment roll and hear any objections thereto.
3. That the township clerk shall cause notice of such hearing and the filing of such assessment roll to be published twice in the Crawford County Avalanche, a newspaper of general circulation in the township prior to the date of the hearing with the first publication being not less than 10 days prior to the hearing and shall further cause notice of such hearing to be mailed by first class mail to all owners of or person interested in property within the Big Bradford Lake Special Assessment District No. 1 as shown on the current assessment roll or the township also at least ten (10) days prior to said hearing, all in accordance with law and statute provided.
4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of the within resolution are hereby rescinded.

Upon roll call vote the following voted "Aye": Baynham, Feldhauser, Madill. The following voted "Nay": None.

The following were absent: Kniss, Babbitt

The clerk declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

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COUNTY OF CRAWFORD)

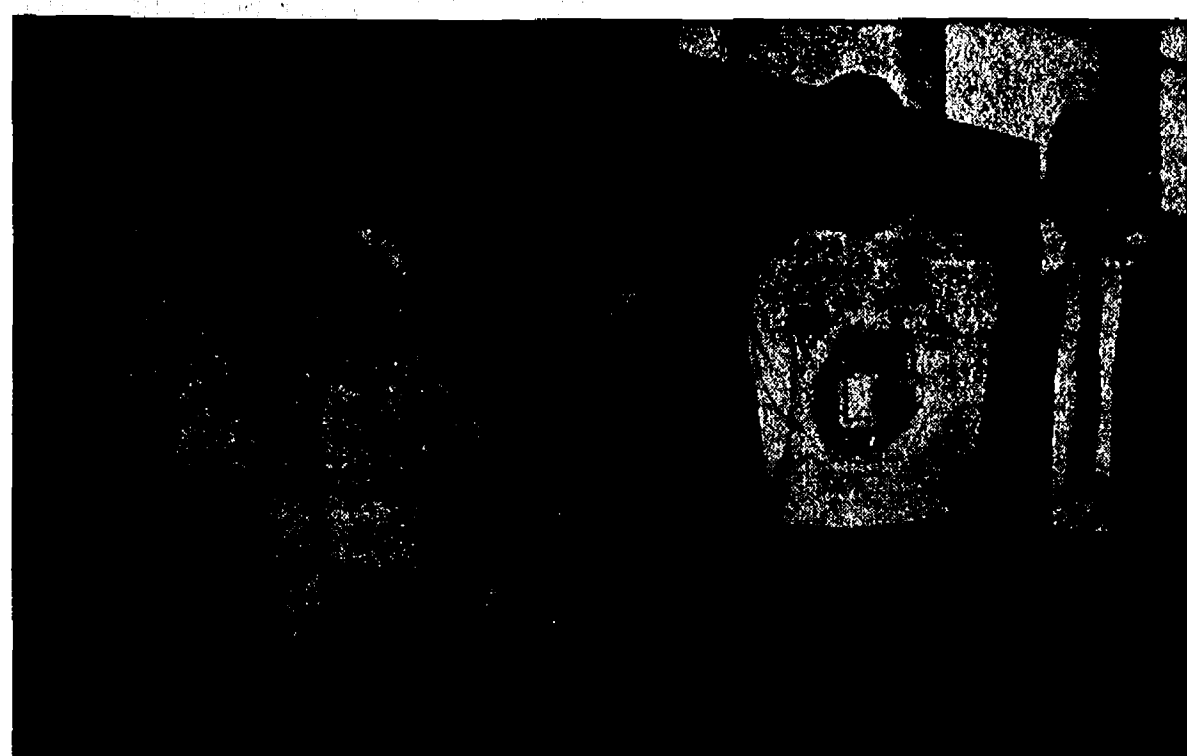
I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting clerk for Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Maple Forest Township Board at a meeting held on the 27th day of October, 2012, and further certify that the above Resolution was adopted at said meeting.

Sandra Baynham, Maple Forest Township Clerk

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



November 24, 1966 - Pictured are four of the six Viking football players honored by the conference. From the right are Dave Nethers, first team back; Tom Hatfield, second team end; Dave Bailey, honorable mention back; and Pat Thompson, second team end; and coach Mike Wieland. Mike Corlew and Steve Englund, honorable mention line-man were not available for photo.

23 Years Ago

November 22, 1989

Riley McNamara, 22, of Grayling, won the 1989 Buck Pole Contest grand prize for bagging a 10 point buck, the largest rack hung during the two day contest. The prize was a 110 Savage 270 rifle with scope. Fifty dollar bonds were awarded to Larry Pratt Jr., who hung the heaviest buck, 161 pounds; Ross McDonald, age 70, of Jackson for the oldest hunter; and Randy Allison, 15, of Grayling, the youngest hunter.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners "no overtime" ruling has not caused the Sheriff Department to discontinue its night patrols as of Monday, Nov. 20. Sheriff Hatfield said some overtime has been used on weekends and during this first week of deer season, but that the night road patrols to date have not been affected by the county's cutback.

46 Years Ago

November 24, 1966

The Little Smokey rail-

road has added a half-mile of track to its scenic run at Bear Mountain.

Parts of four counties including Crawford were blacked out Friday night when a small plane carrying pilot Raymond Collins and passengers Joseph Tison of Dearborn Heights and George Bogart of Westland crashed into a main power transmission line by the Lewiston airport just after 6 p.m. The pilot is still under treatment at Mercy Hospital. One was in critical condition with a head

injury and transferred to St. Mary's in Saginaw and the other man escaped with minor scratches and bruises. Power was restored about three hours later.

69 Years Ago

November 25, 1943

Russell Vallad sold his home on Maple Street to Clarence Thompson of Plymouth. Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Rehkopf, who were occupying the house, have moved into the A.J. Nelson home on the corner of Ionia and Spruce Street.

Nearly 400 persons attended Friday evening's "Turkey Trot" for Grayling High School students and friends. Traverse City orchestra provided the dance music.

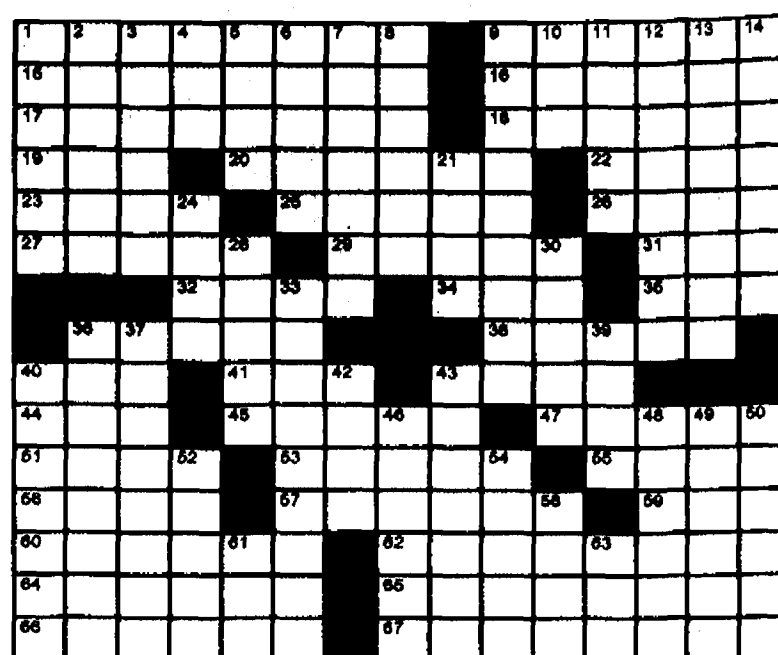
92 Years Ago

November 25, 1920

Jerry Sherman recently purchased the property on Chestnut Street from Walmer Jorgenson and the family has moved in.

The local DuPont plant is working nine hours a day instead of 10. They began Monday shutting down at 4:30 in the afternoon. The Kerry and Hanson Flooring Co. operate five days a week, closing down all day on Saturday.

CROSSWORD



Across

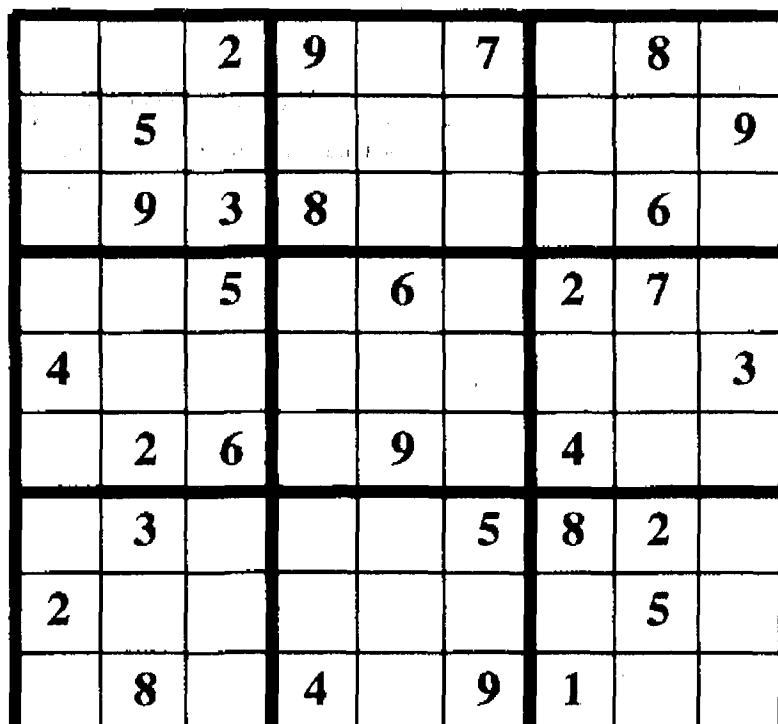
1. Driving around for fun
9. Bug
15. Hired vehicle (3 wds)
16. Spot
17. Poisonous substance obtained from belladonna
18. Cost setter
19. 20-20, e.g.
20. Kind of seat
22. "Laughable Lyrics" writer
23. "zoic" things
25. Stage item
26. "Empedocles on ____" (Matthew Arnold poem)
27. Archaeological find
29. Like "The X-Files"
31. Long, long time
32. Red ink amount
34. Kind of rule
35. Morgue, for one
36. Badge-earning girl
38. Depth charge target (hyphenated)
40. ____ jacket
41. Certain digital watch face (acronym)
43. ____-friendly
44. Wing of a building at right angles to the main structure
45. Soak
47. Except
51. Bill collector?
53. Like a pitcher's perfect game (hyphenated)
55. "@\$%&," e.g.
56. Go through
57. Summary of an argument
59. Chester White's home
60. Altogether (2 wds)
62. Radioactive element produced from curium
64. ____ Monkey Trial
65. Heavy cotton slipcover fabric with a printed design
66. Autocrat
67. Expresses great excitement

Down

1. A hollow
2. Stop working
3. "Can you believe it?!"
4. "Am ____ believe ...?" (2 wds)
5. Easy dupes
6. Less cordial
7. Nursemaids
8. 1978 John Travolta musical film
9. Arrogant
10. "____ any drop to drink": Coleridge
11. Attendance counter
12. And so forth
13. Empty (2 wds)
14. Series of rock formations
21. Course
24. Fodder holder
28. "Things ____ be worse."
30. Fell off
33. Upright structure to support the rudder
36. Conspicuous feature
37. Machine that arranges sheets in proper sequence
39. Sundae topper, perhaps
40. Poet
42. It may get into a jamb
43. Symbol of purity
46. From
48. Sinks
49. Adjust
50. Nursery ____
52. Parkinson's treatment (hyphenated)
54. Lhasa's land
58. Actor Green of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer"
61. Big ____ Conference
63. "Skip to My ____"

SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.



(PUZZLE 10, Easy, Difficulty Rating 0.37)

HOROSCOPES

Week of November 18, 2012



December 22- January 19

The sweetest of success is yours, Capricorn, as you accomplish feats large and small. A financial deadline is moved up and you must scramble to make it.



March 21- April 19

Your struggles come to an end and peace reigns in your world once again. Take everyone out to celebrate. Aries. A labor of love concludes.



June 22- July 22

Romance mixed with intrigue is the theme of the week. Prepare for things to sizzle. Cancer. Issues persist at work and you must make a bold move to open up the dialogue.



September 23- October 22

Nerves set in, and performance reviews show it. Attack less, relax more, and the jitters will subside. A love story unfolds. Ooh-la-la, Libra.



January 20- February 18

You can't go wrong, Aquarius, so stop stalling and let others know your decision. An old friend drops by with the gift of all gifts. Be thankful.



April 20- May 20

Speak your mind, Taurus. You've held back long enough. Work you did behind the scene comes to light, and you're rewarded handsomely for your efforts.



July 23- August 22

Organizational efforts stall with the refusal to part with the beloved and not-so-beloved. Be understanding, Leo, but don't let the matter be. Forge on.



October 23- November 21

Projects conclude and free time increases. Put it to good use, Scorpio, not with work but with fun. You deserve it. A check of your finances reveals a surplus.



February 19- March 20

Don't underestimate the skills of a coworker. They are more than qualified to assist you with the tasks you need done. Divide and conquer, Pisces.



May 21- June 21

Rewards come in many forms this week, Gemini. Count your blessings and pay it forward. Spinning yarns is the highlight of a family gathering, as it should be.



August 23- September 22

Mediating is rarely fun, and lucky for you, Virgo, your days of being a buffer are over. Don't dismiss the severity of a loved one's health issue. They look better than they are.



November 22- December 21

Easy, Sagittarius. The source of your irritation cannot be helped. Work through it. A career opportunity beckons. Approach it with caution. All is not as it seems.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK



TUXEDO CAKE

Ingredients:

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| 1 pkg. (2-layer size) devil's food cake mix | 1/2 cup butter, softened |
| 1 pkg. (3.9 oz.) Chocolate Instant Pudding | 1-1/2 tsp. vanilla |
| 1-1/2 pkg. (8 oz. each) Cream Cheese, softened | 6 cups powdered sugar |
| | 1/2 of 8-oz. tub Whipped Topping (Do not thaw.) |
| | 2 oz. Semi-Sweet Chocolate |

Directions:

PREPARE cake batter and bake as directed on package for 2 (9-inch) round cake layers, blending dry pudding mix into batter before pouring into prepared pans. Cool 10 min. Loosen cakes from sides of pans with knife. Invert onto wire racks; gently remove pans. Cool cakes completely.

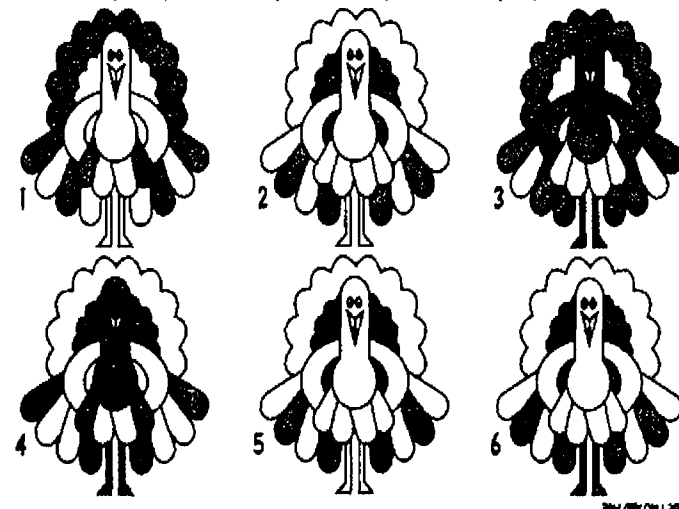
MEANWHILE, beat cream cheese, butter and vanilla in large bowl with mixer until blended. Gradually beat in sugar.

CUT each cake layer horizontally in half. Stack on plate, spreading 3/4 cup cream cheese frosting between each layer. Spread remaining frosting onto top and side of cake.

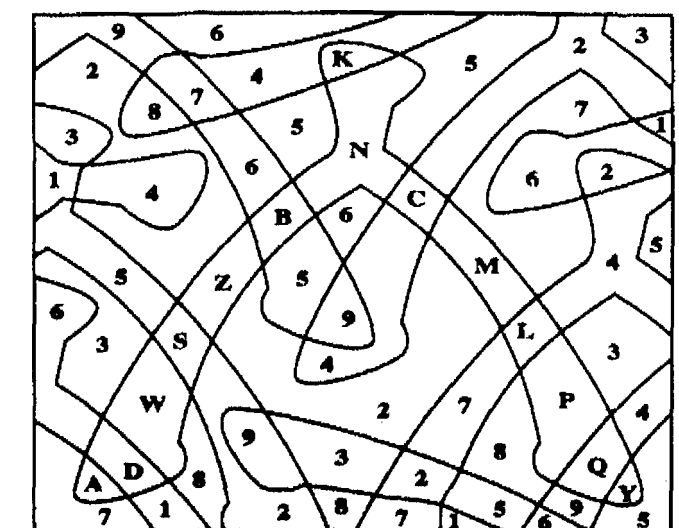
MICROWAVE whipped topping and chocolate in microwaveable bowl on HIGH 1-1/2 min., stirring after 1 min.; stir until chocolate is completely melted and mixture is well blended. Cool 5 min. Pour over cake, letting excess drip down side. Store cake in refrigerator.

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1. Real Estate

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1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

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